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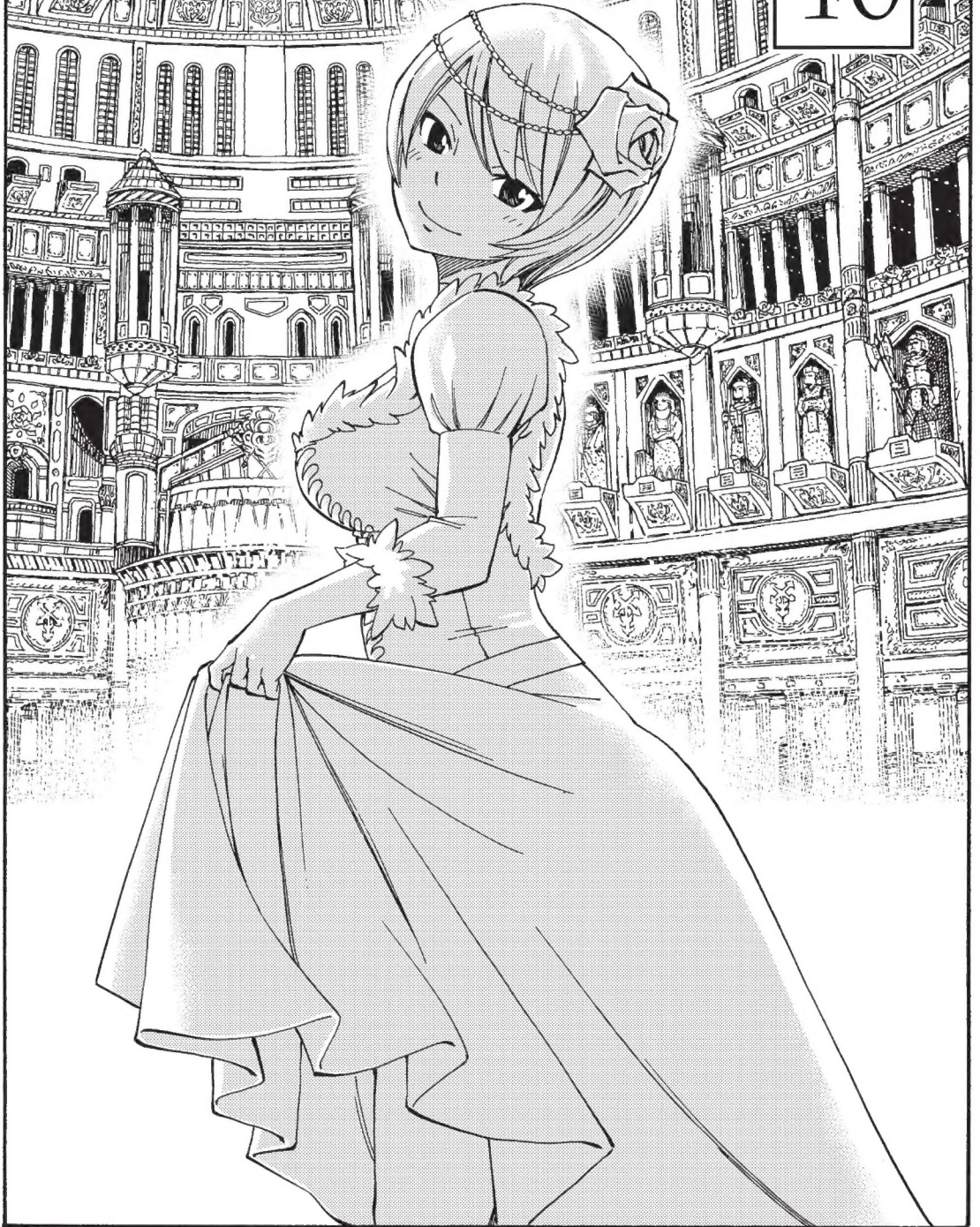
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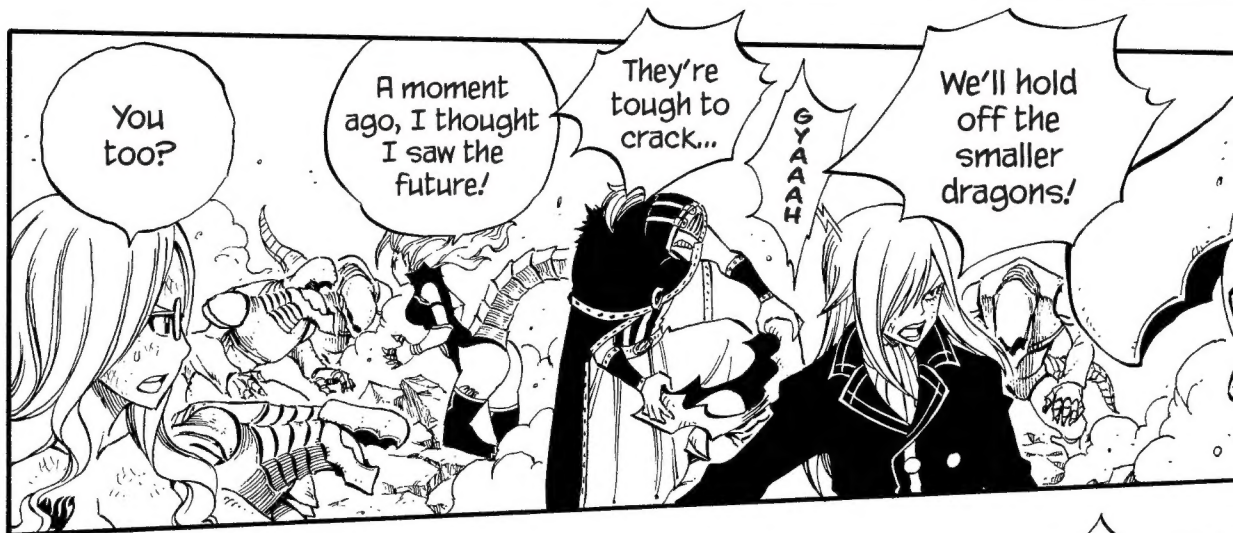
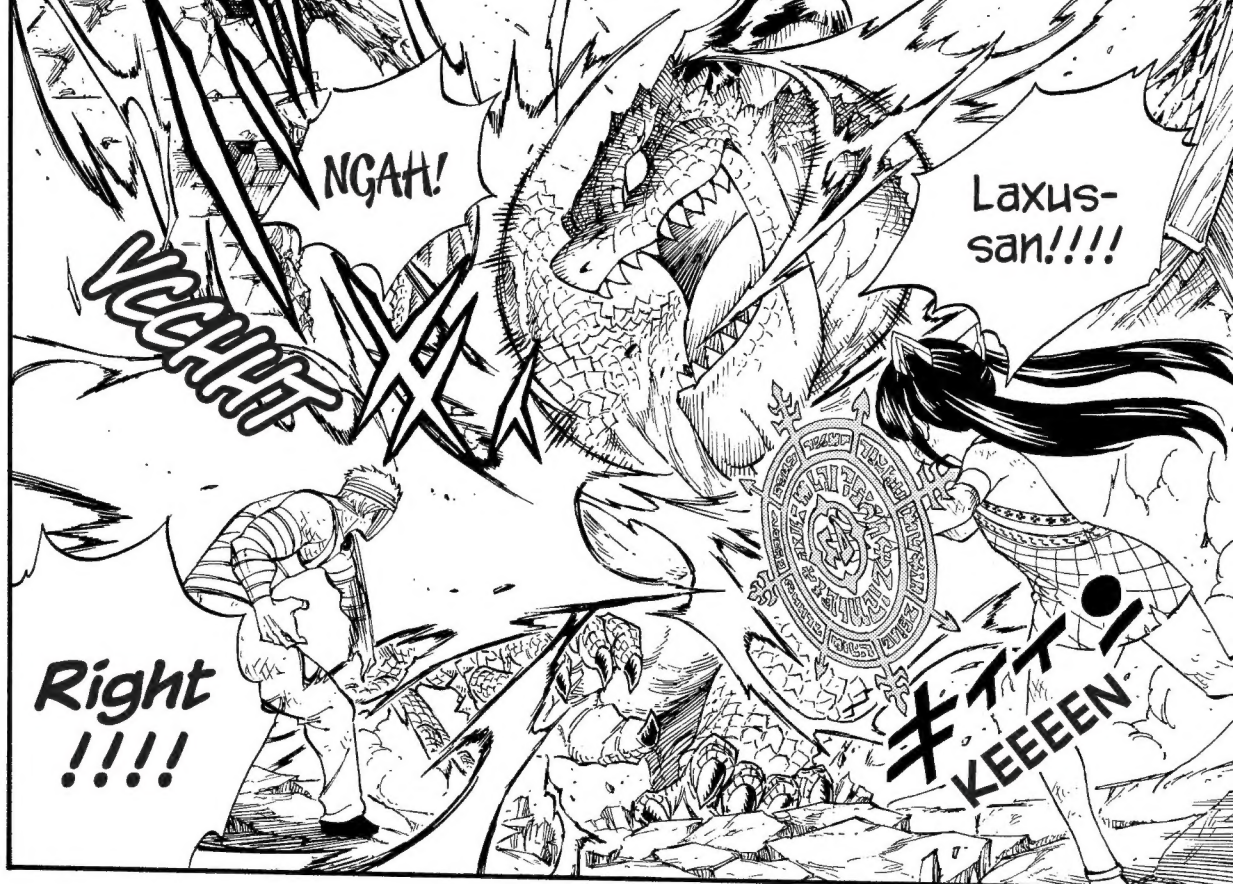
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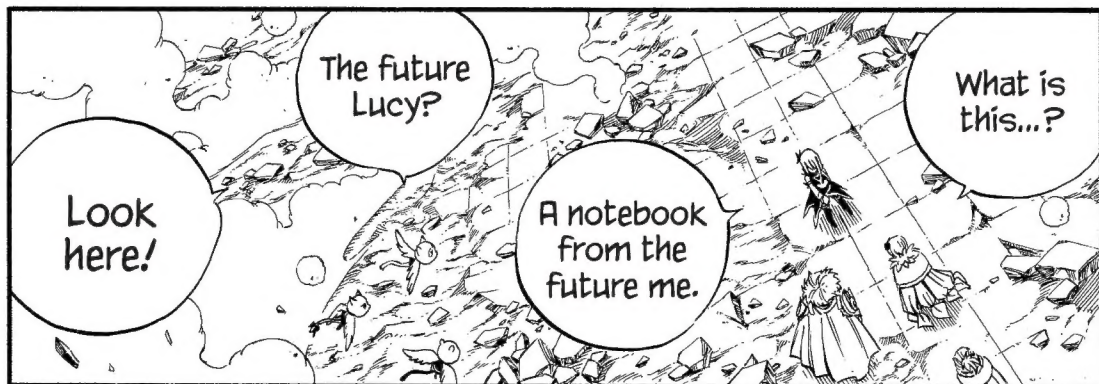
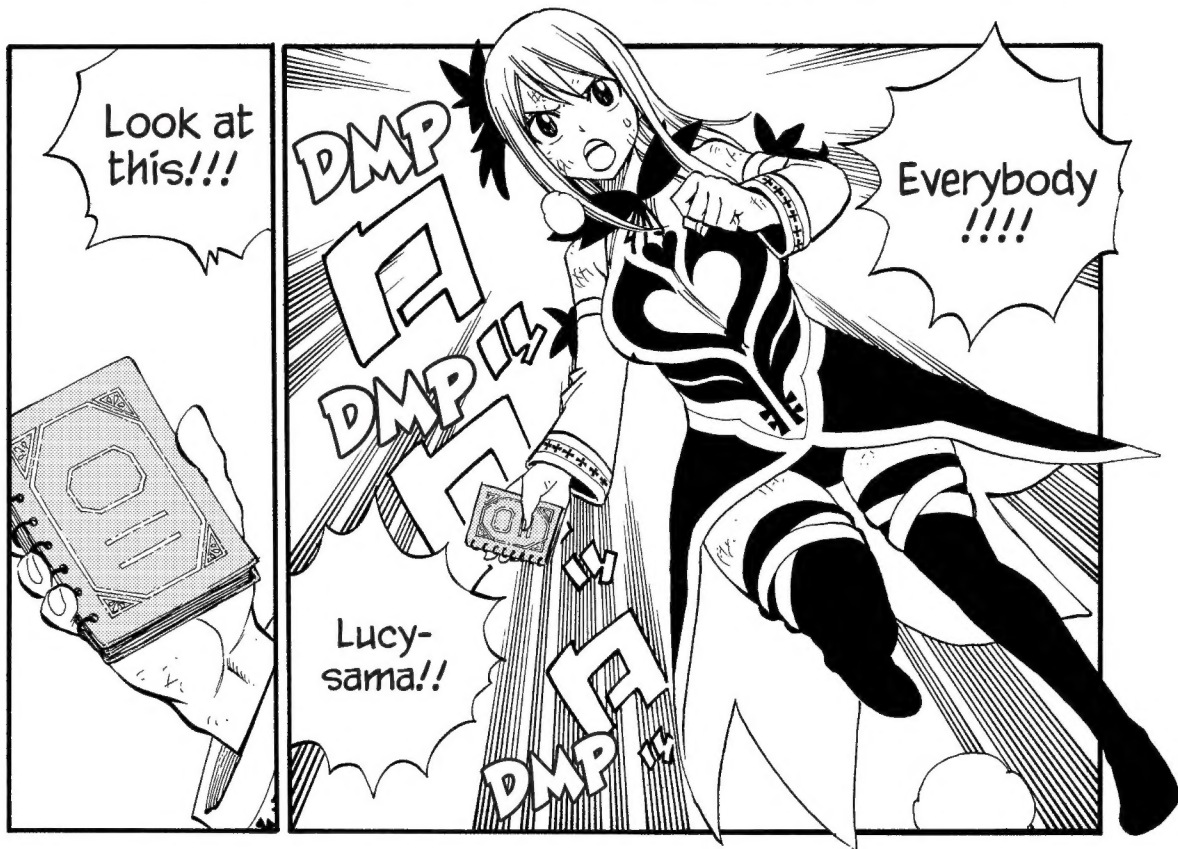
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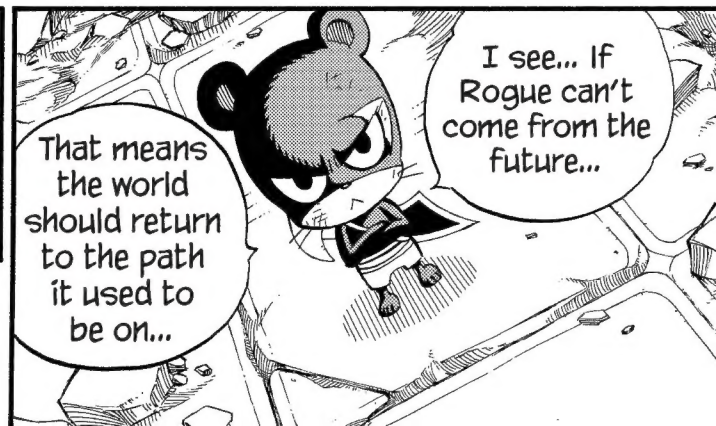
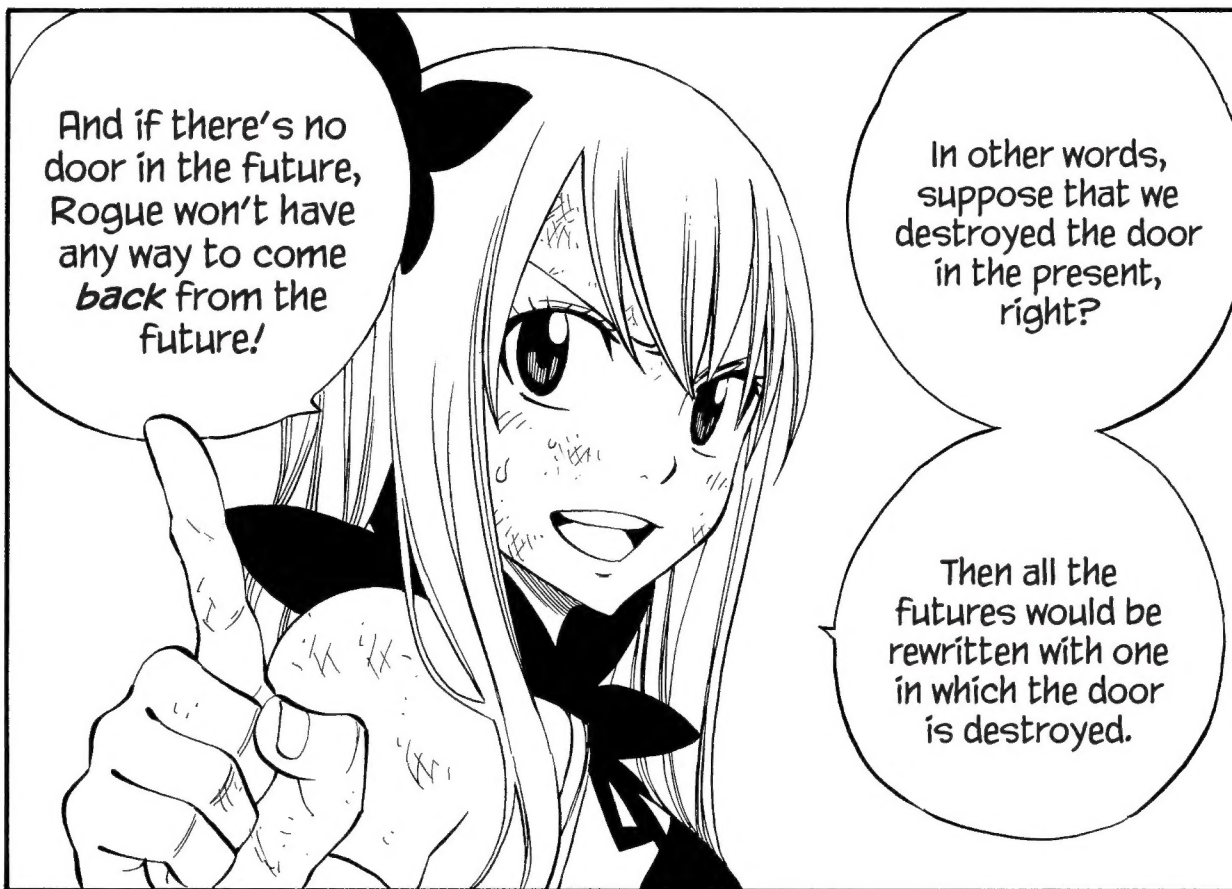
















How-  
ever, there  
remains one  
very large  
problem.



It's  
certainly  
worth  
trying!



If all goes well,  
the dragons and  
Rogue will all  
disappear from  
this time!!



How do we  
destroy such  
a massive  
structure?



Yes  
!!!!

We just have  
to hit it with all  
the magic we've  
got!!!!





We still  
have to  
try!



It won't  
be easy to  
destroy.

It's built of a  
metal extremely  
resistant  
to magic,  
Magainanium.



Not  
even a  
scratch...

You're  
kidding...



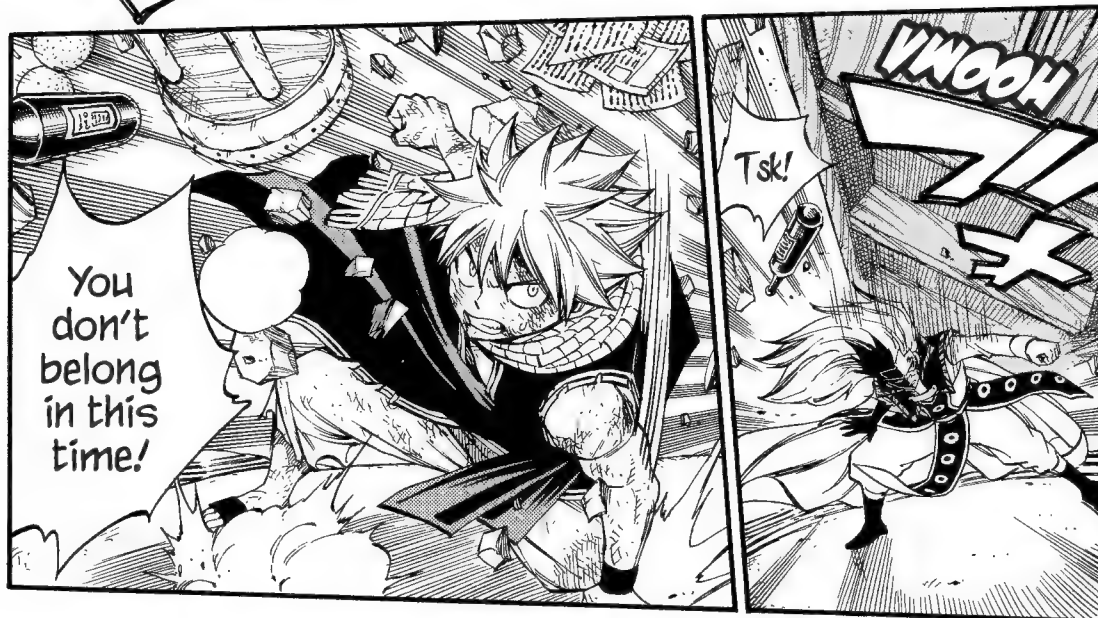
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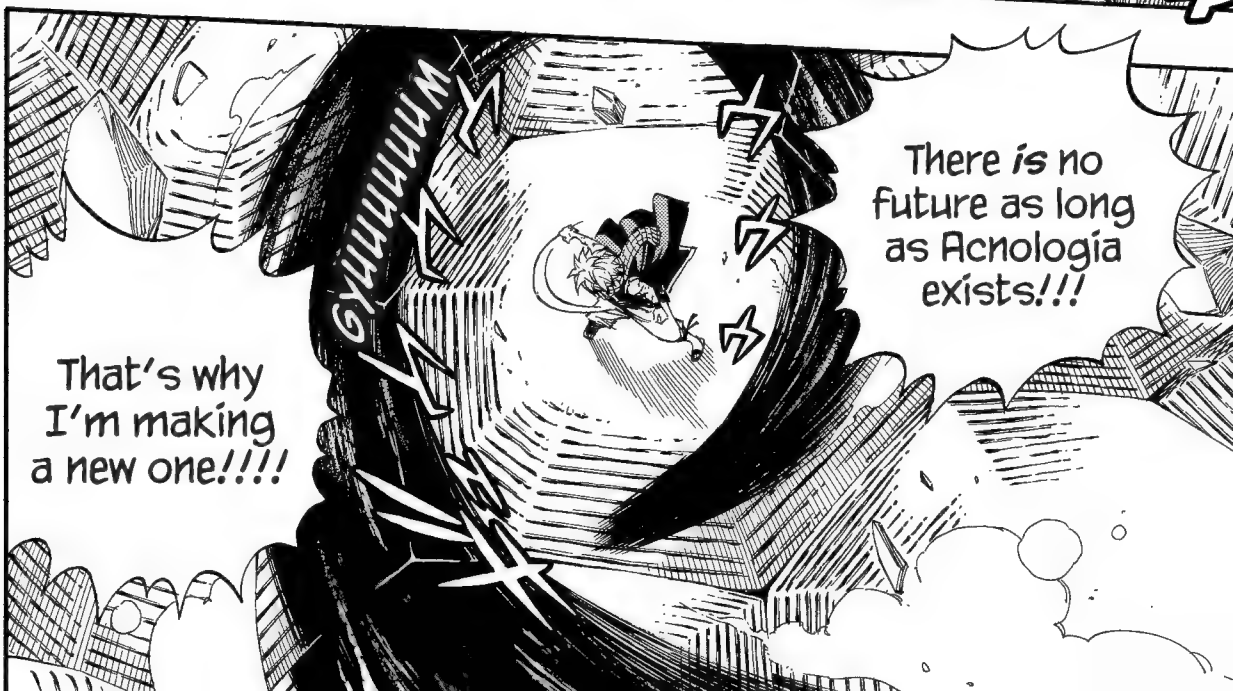
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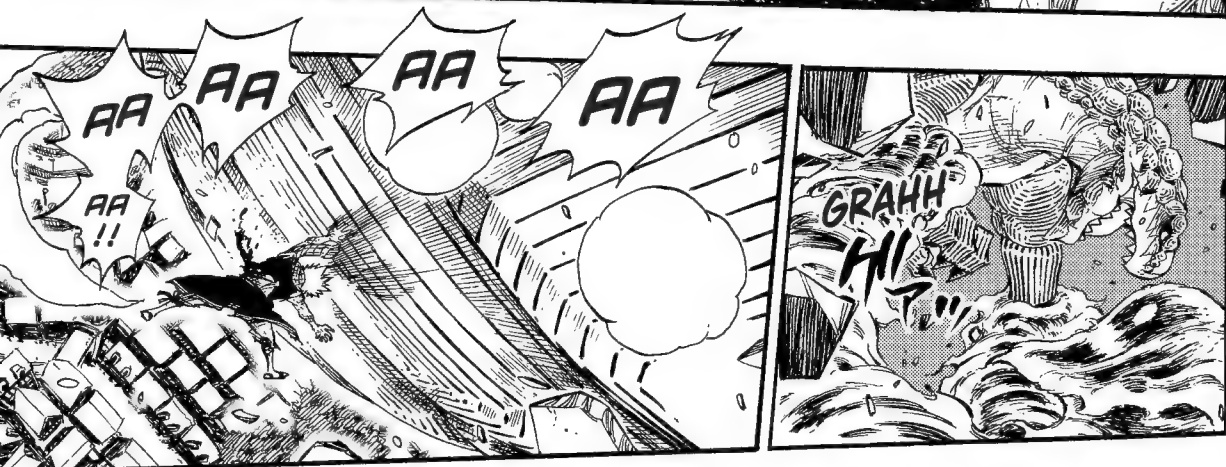
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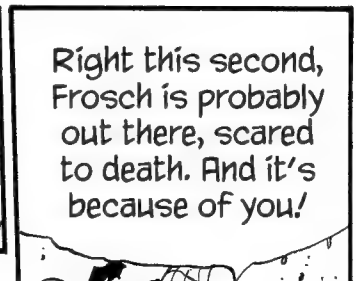
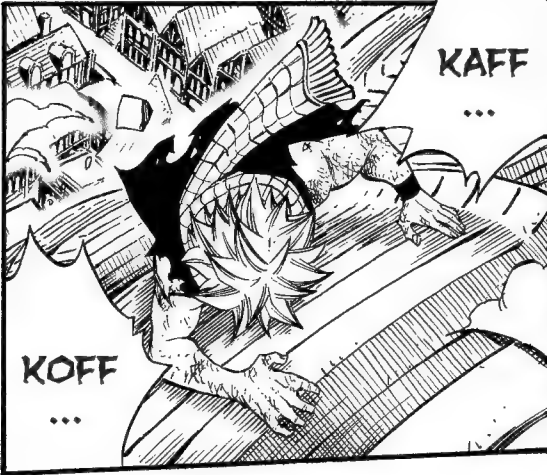
















**But  
Frosch is  
alive...  
right  
now!!!!**



Can't  
you stop  
it...?

I wasn't  
able to.



You  
have never  
known true  
despair...



Listen,  
you...



I am no longer  
amused  
playing with  
one insignifi-  
cant cat!

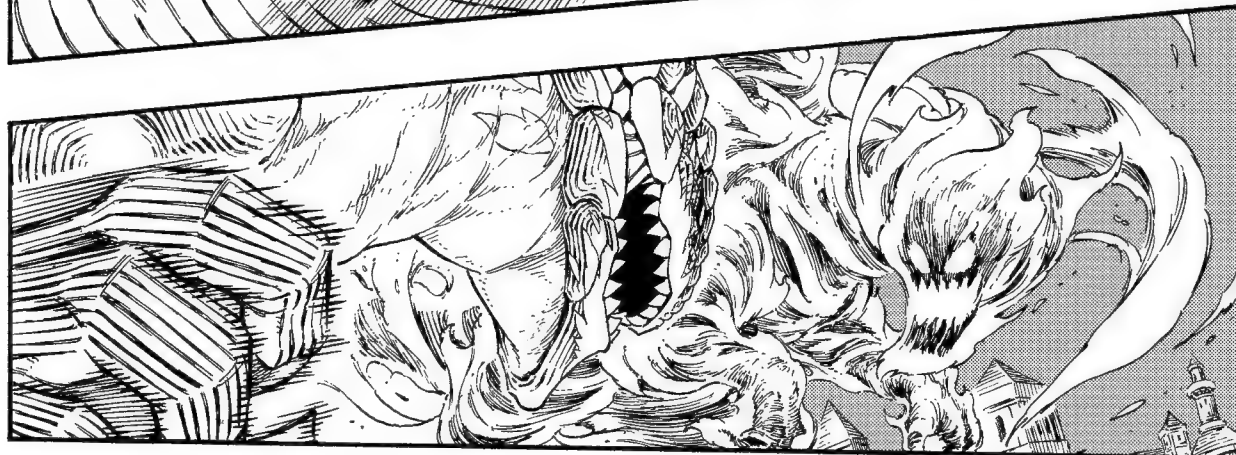
What  
does it  
matter?



**You cannot  
understand  
the desperate  
feeling of  
clinging onto  
your last  
hope!!!!**



So for your one  
hope, you're  
going to bring  
despair into the  
past?!!!



When are  
you going  
to grow  
up, Natsu  
Dragneel  
?!!!

It's not  
possible  
to make  
everyone  
happy!!!







SLISS

And it sure  
as heck  
ain't the  
future that  
*you're*  
choosing  
for us!!!!

We're  
going  
to keep  
heading for  
the future  
we choose  
!!!



Even  
if all  
that's  
true...

Everybody  
has a right  
to choose  
their own  
future!!!



GWOUGH

W



Natsu!!!



I don't need  
to know the  
future!!!

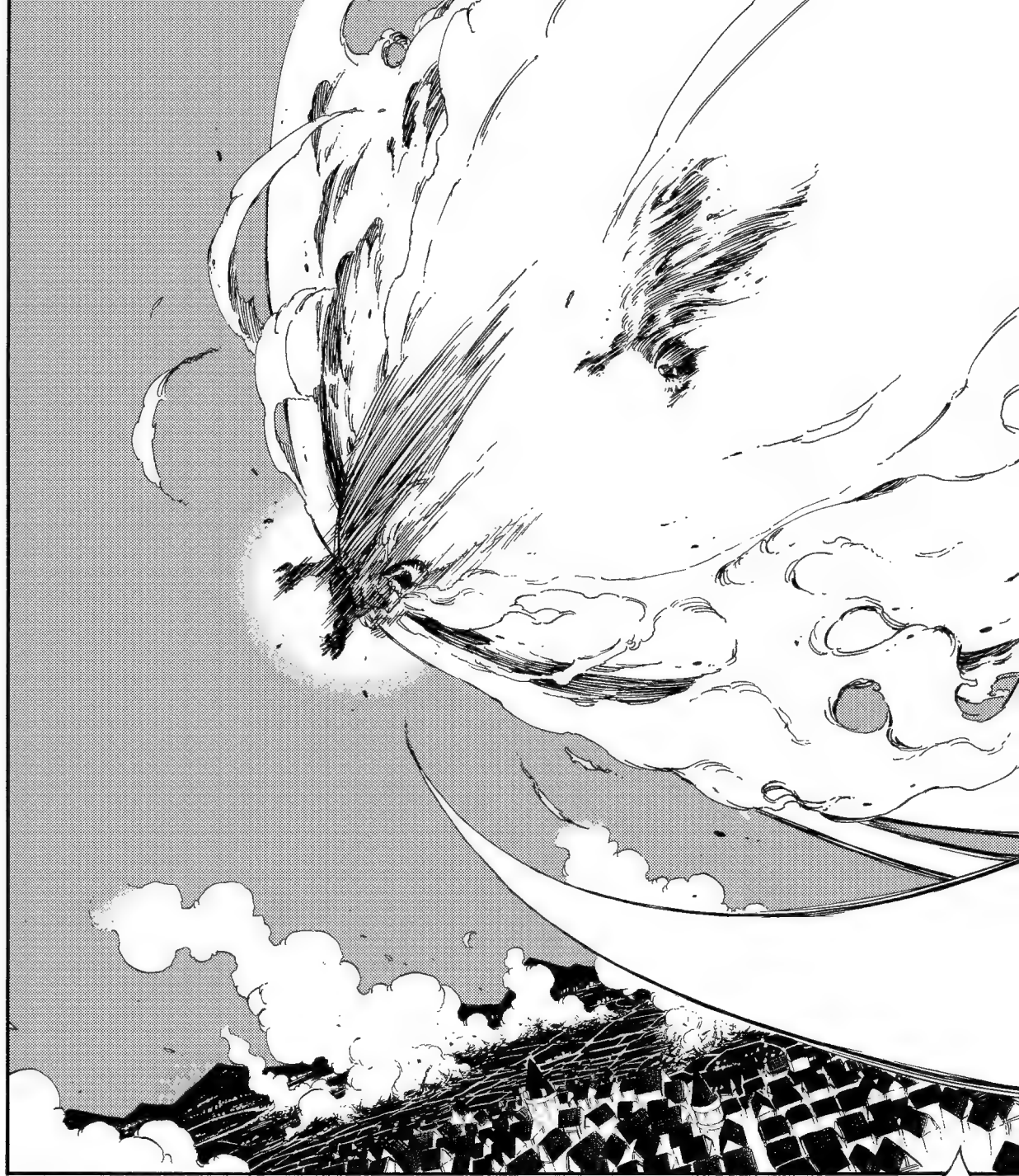
BWOUGH

**DWOOON**

I'll just  
give  
**TODAY**  
all I've  
got  
**!!!!!!**

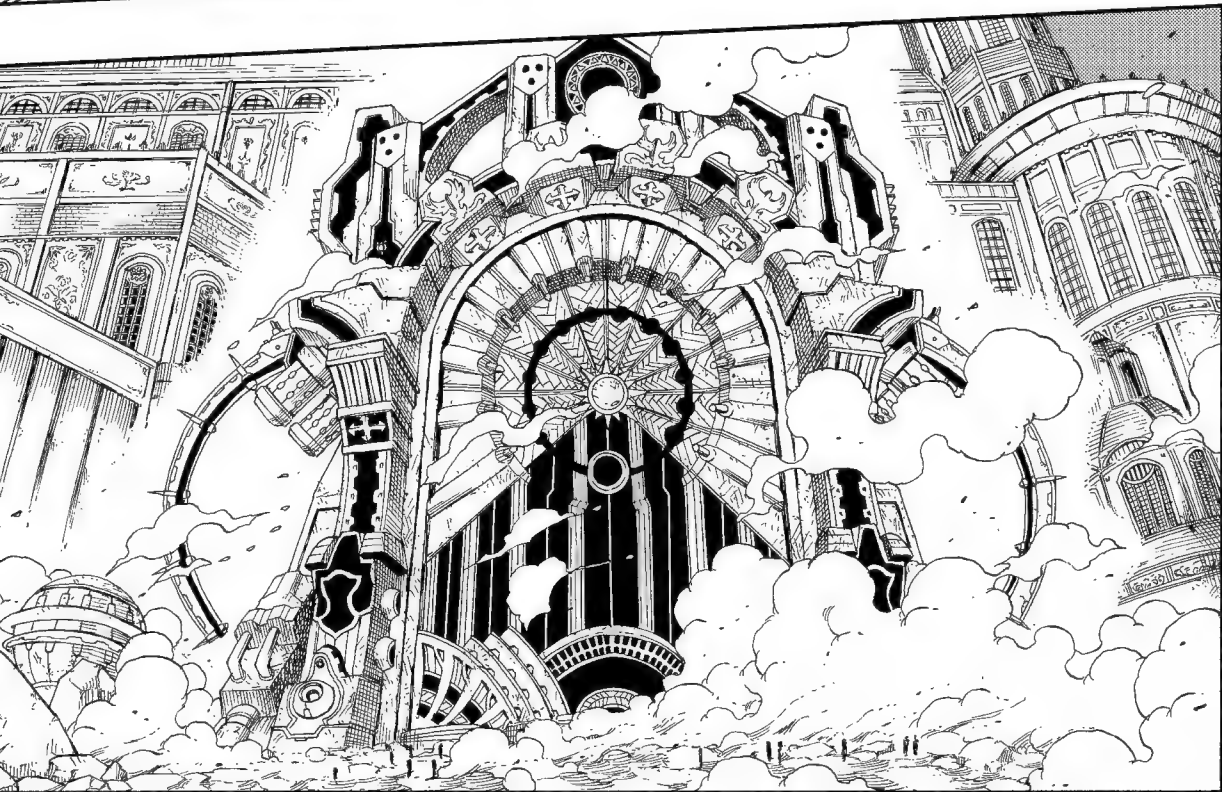








HA  
HA  
HA  
HA  
!!!!



Get  
away  
from  
here!!!!

Everybody,  
get away  
from the  
door!!!!



!!!



Huh...?  
What...?



We can't  
moove  
it even a  
little!!!

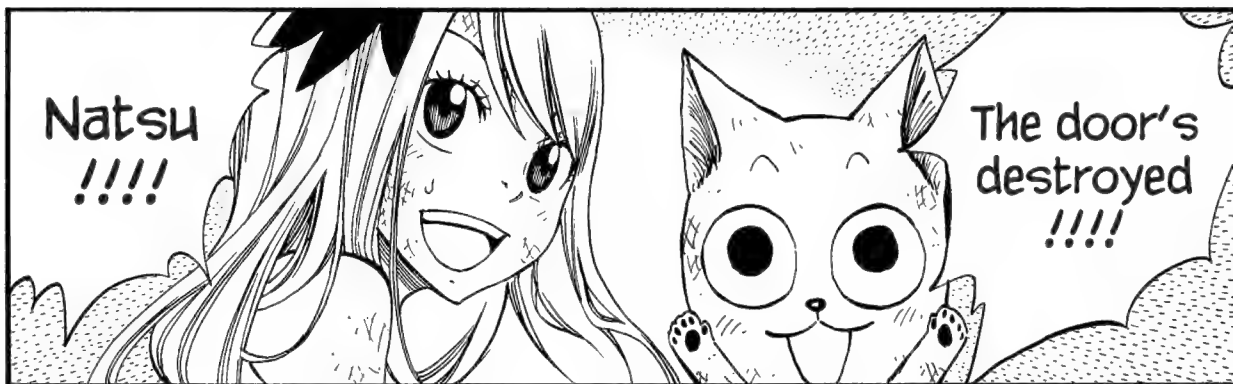
How  
stubborn  
can a door  
be...?!



HAH  
HAH  
HAH







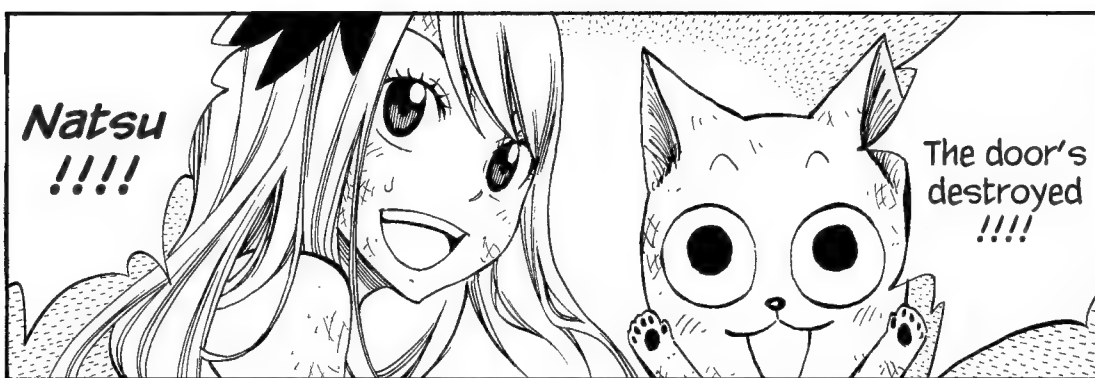


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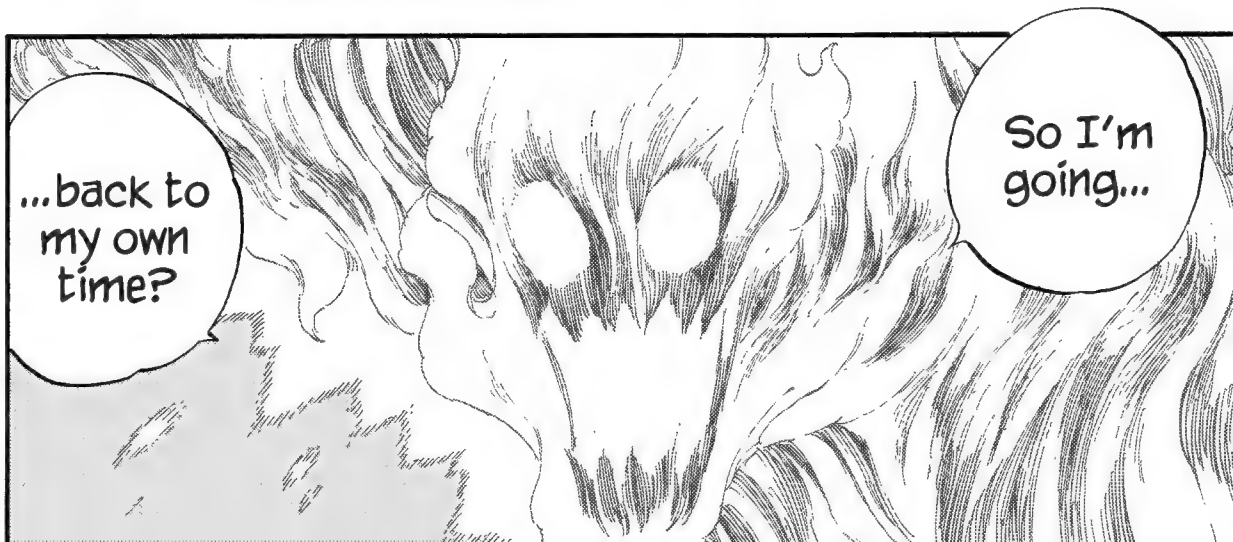
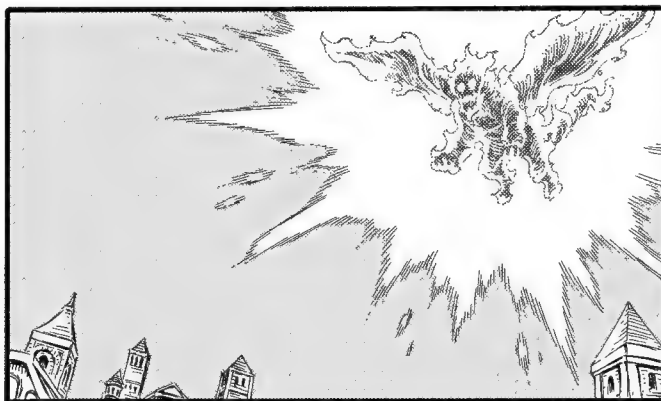
## Chapter 337: The Golden Grasslands

















Guh!

**Not by  
humans  
...!!!!**

**Not by  
those  
puny  
humans  
!!!!**

**KIRAN!**

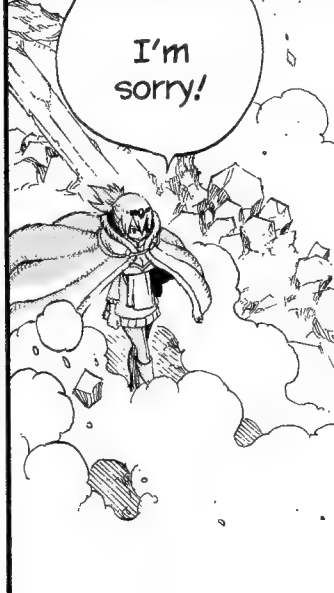


H-  
Hey...

**Your  
Highness  
!!!!**



It's dan-  
gerous  
here!!



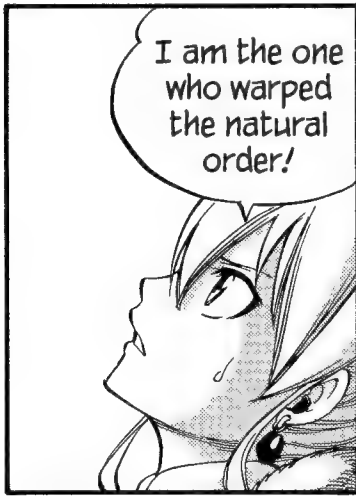
I'm  
sorry!





I am responsible for ruining the natural flow of your time!

I am the one who built the door that lead through time.



I am the one who warped the natural order!

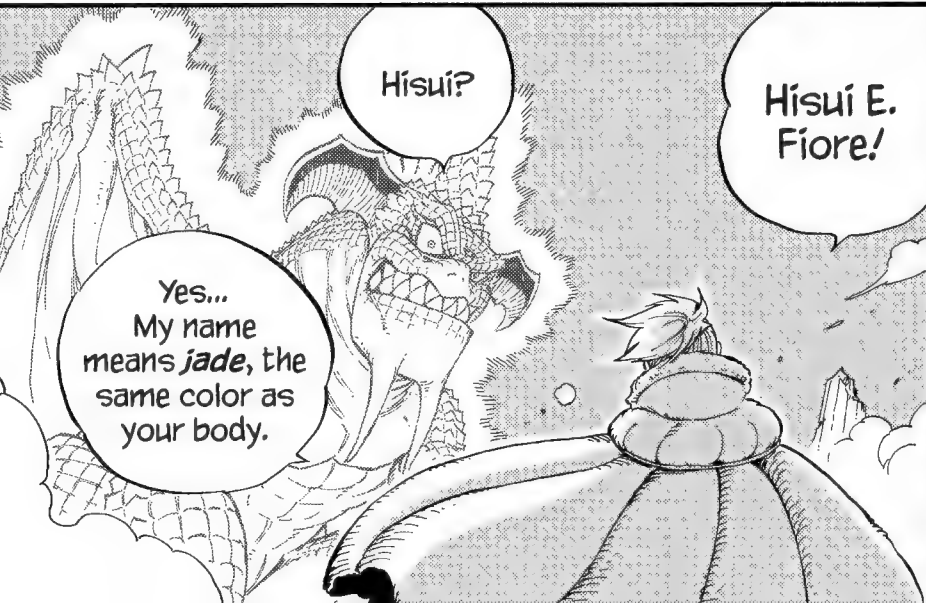


In truth... we have absolutely no reason to make war upon each other!



You are a being who lived four hundred years ago!

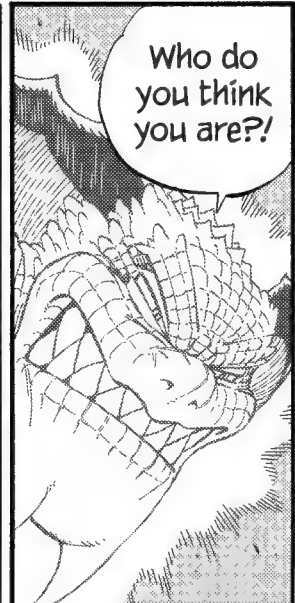
My people live in this present.



Yes... My name means *jade*, the same color as your body.

Hísuí?

Hísuí E. Fiore!



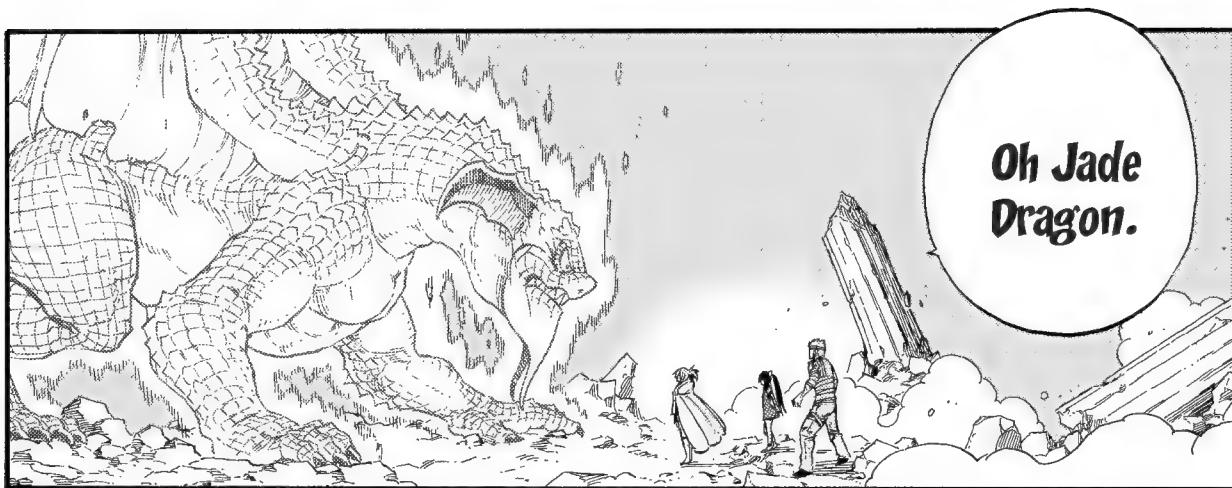
Who do you think you are?!



The  
very  
same.



The  
same...you  
say?



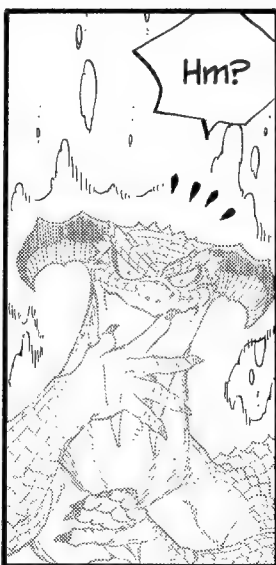
**Oh Jade  
Dragon.**



I was  
going  
to...



Whoa! Hold on  
a second!!!  
Dammit!!! You  
tricked me!!!



Hm?

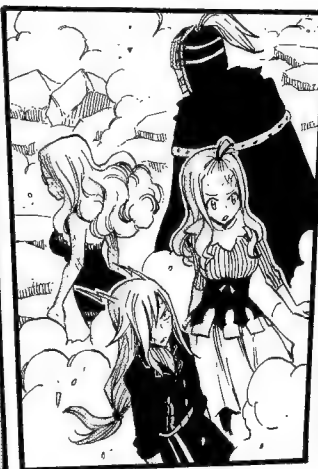
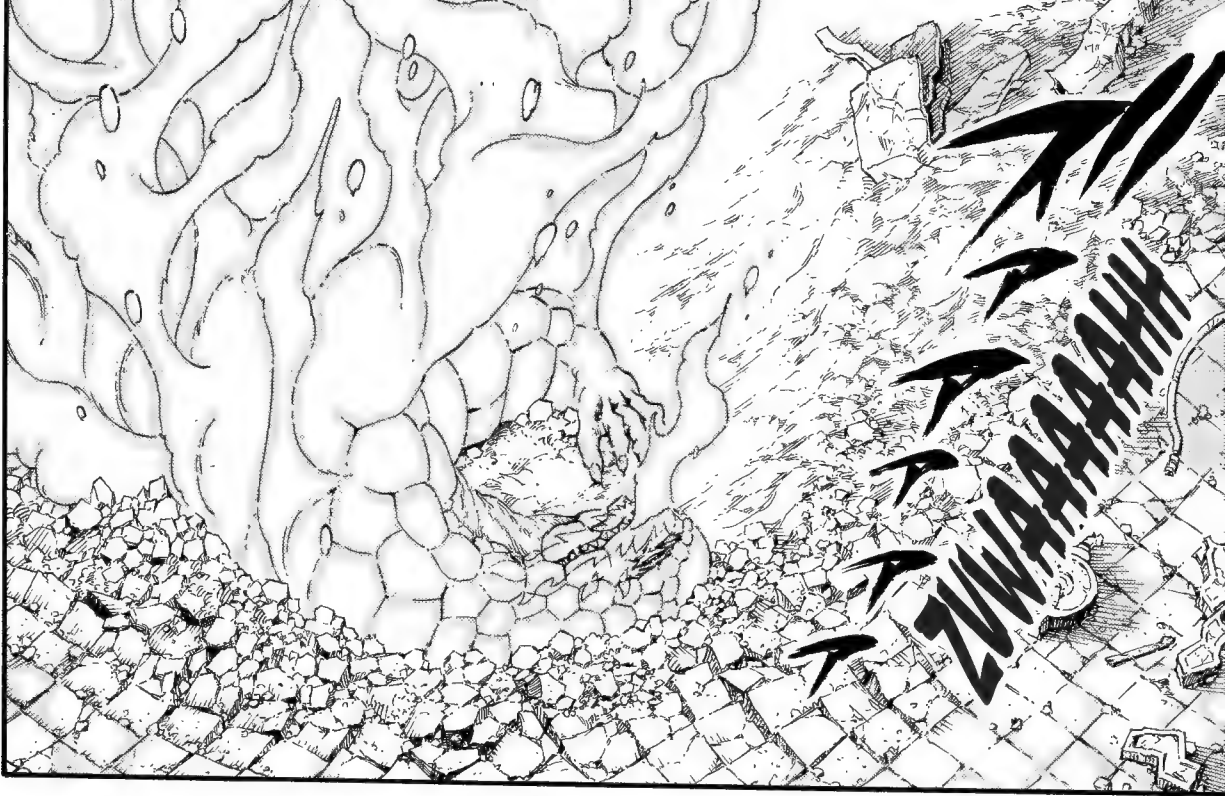


Not bad.  
It sort  
of has  
a ring  
to it.

"Jade  
Dragon  
..."



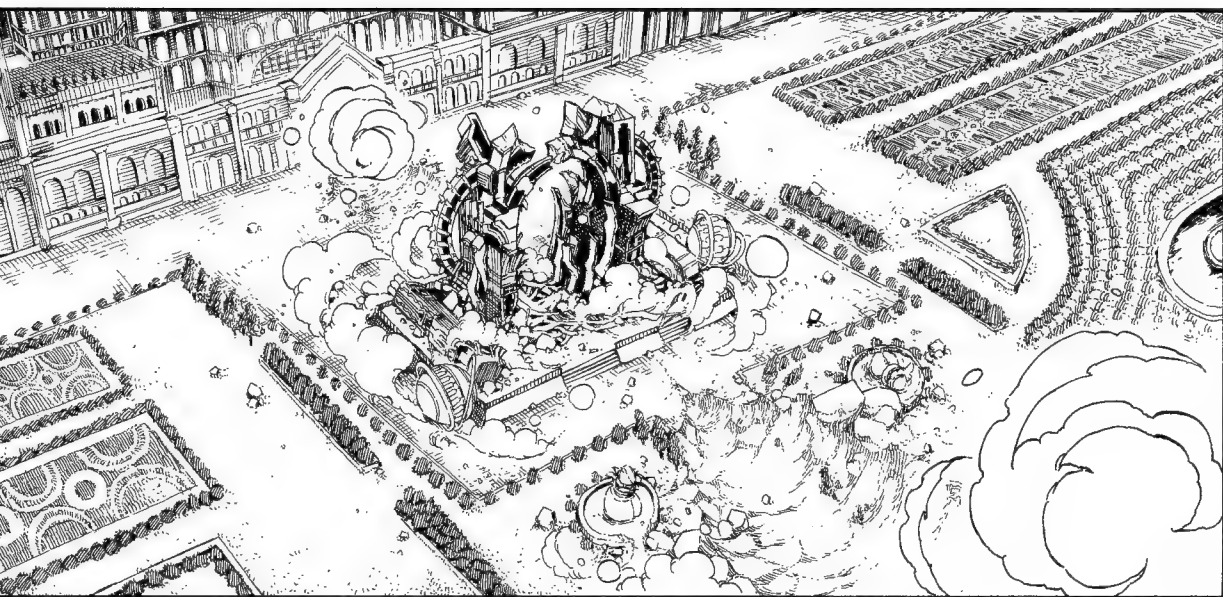




Natsu  
Dragneel!

I will not  
forget  
you...







I don't get it, but it's over!!

All right!!

All the smaller dragons are vanishing!!!



Yeah... But...



FSHHHH

Graah...

Ugh...

That's great, Gajeel!!

The dragon's disappearing...



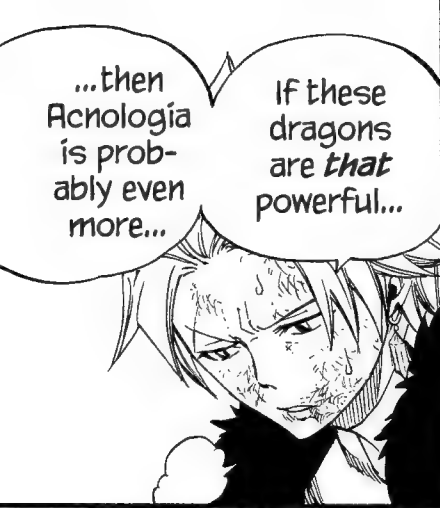
Not one of the dragon slayers...

... managed to slay a dragon ...?



I don't like it!





...then  
Acnologia  
is prob-  
ably even  
more...

If these  
dragons  
are *that*  
powerful...



What kind  
of dragon  
slayers  
are we?

That was  
pathetic  
...



It doesn't  
feel like...  
winning...

No... Let's  
forget that  
for now.

But at  
least the  
battle is  
over.

Yeah...



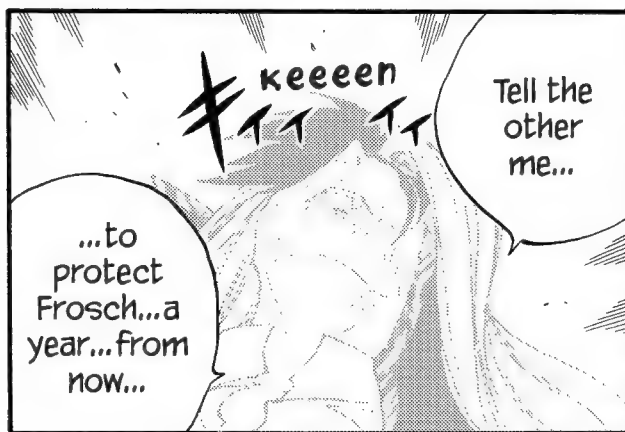
We  
protected  
our com-  
rades.

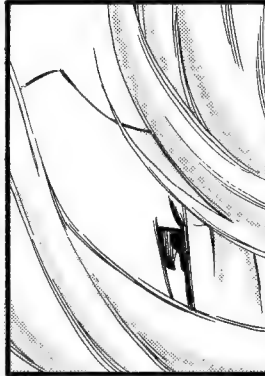


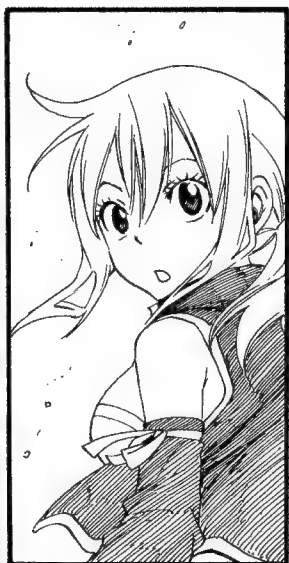
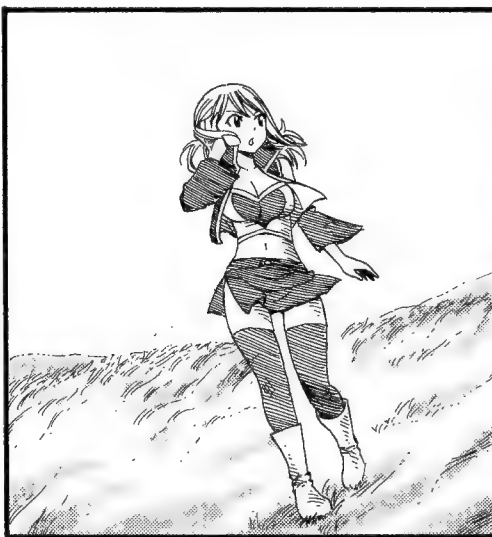
It is a  
victory.



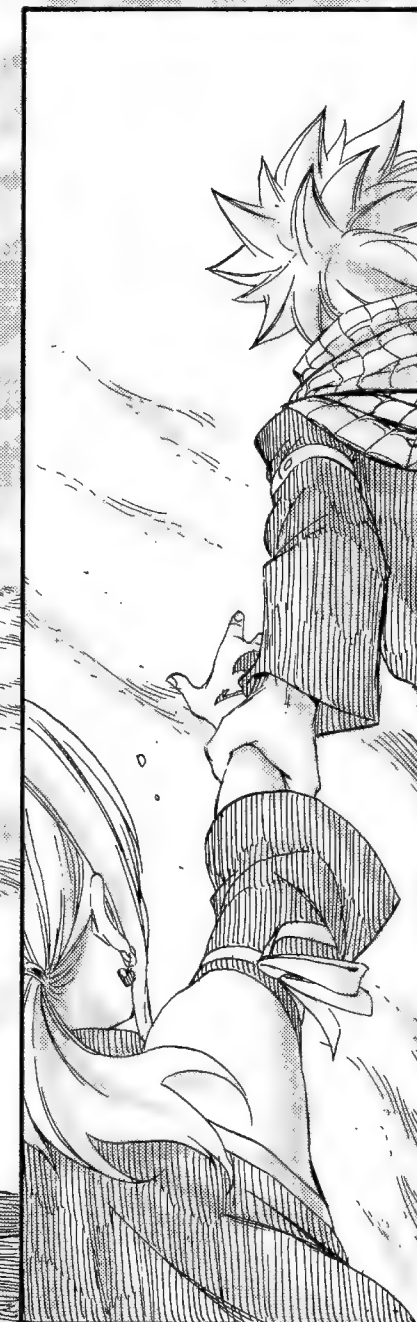




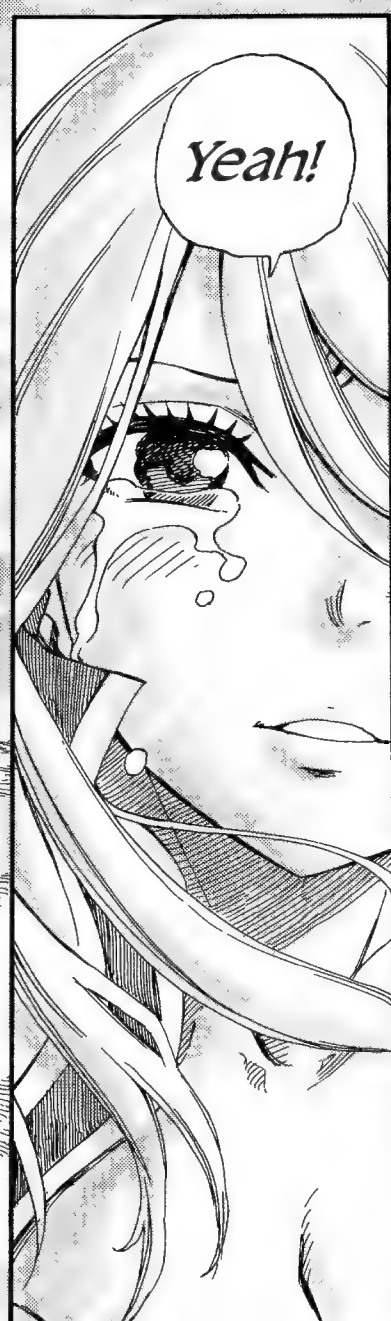




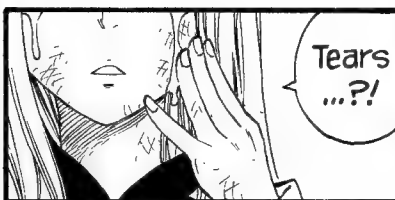
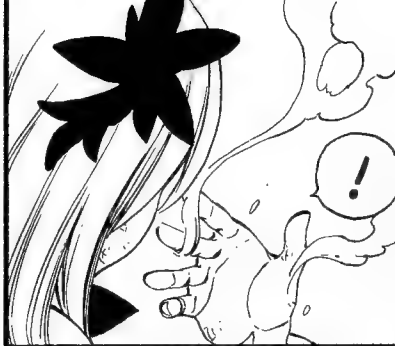
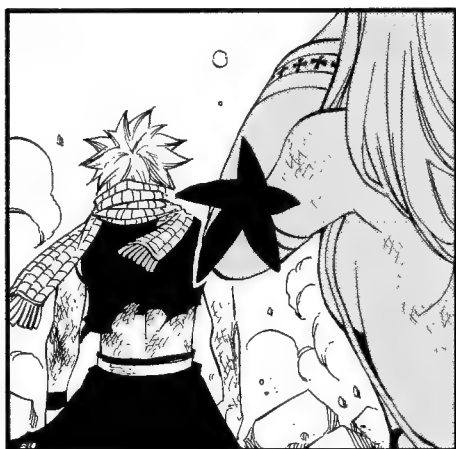




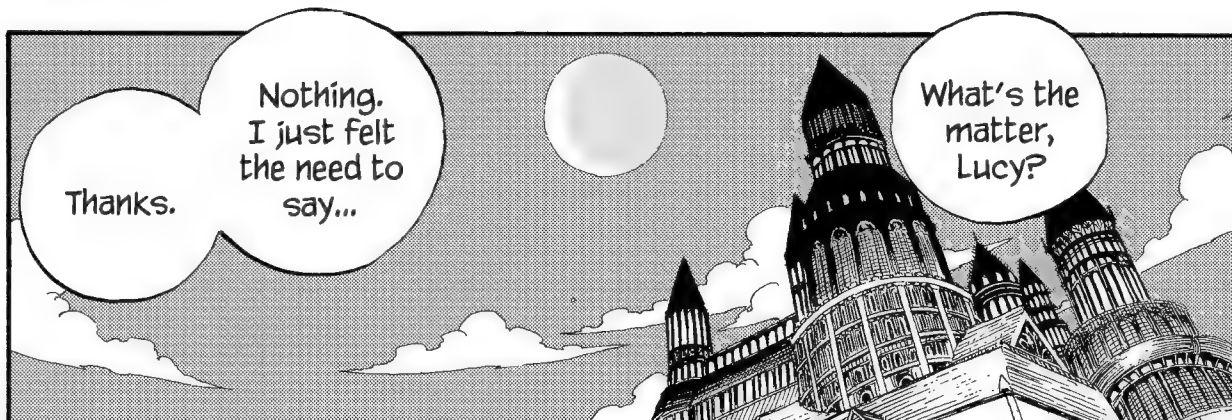
*We're in the  
middle of an  
adventure  
here!*



*Yeah!*



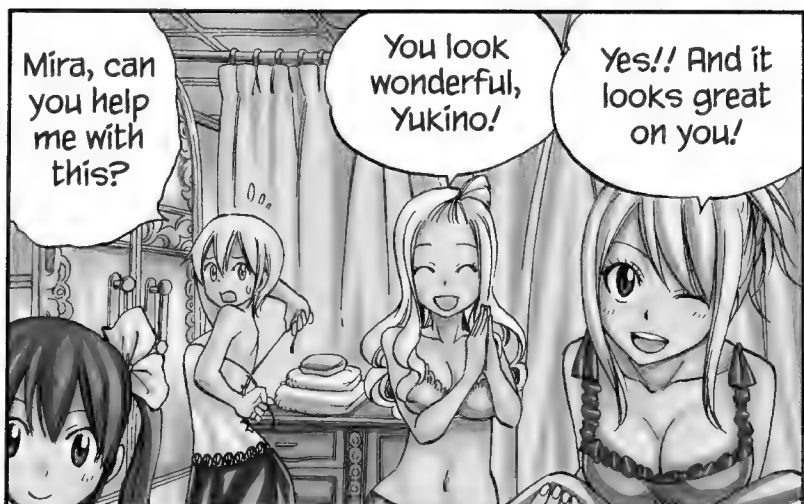
Tears  
...?!



Thanks.

Nothing.  
I just felt  
the need to  
say...

What's the  
matter,  
Lucy?

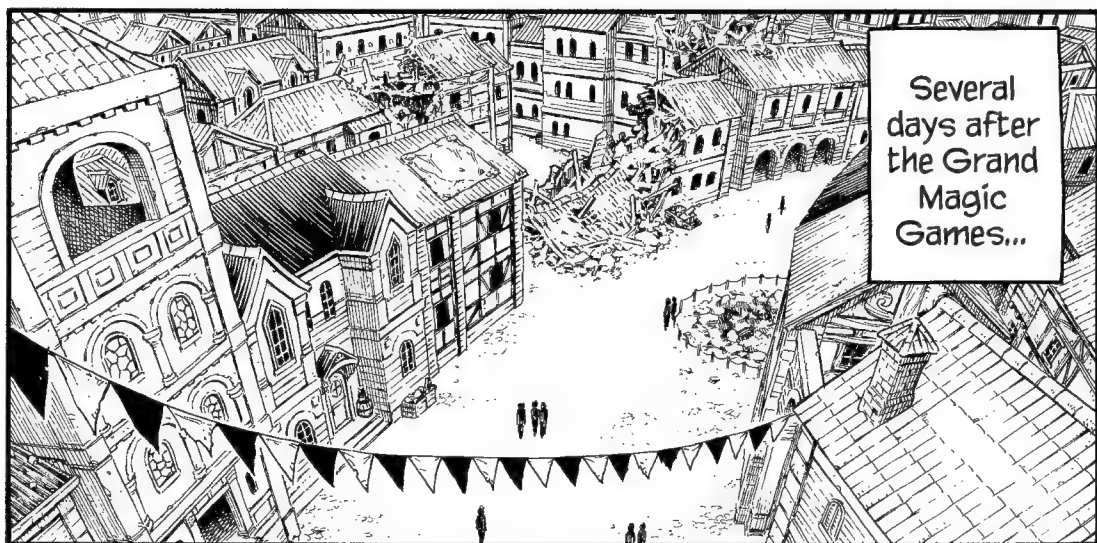






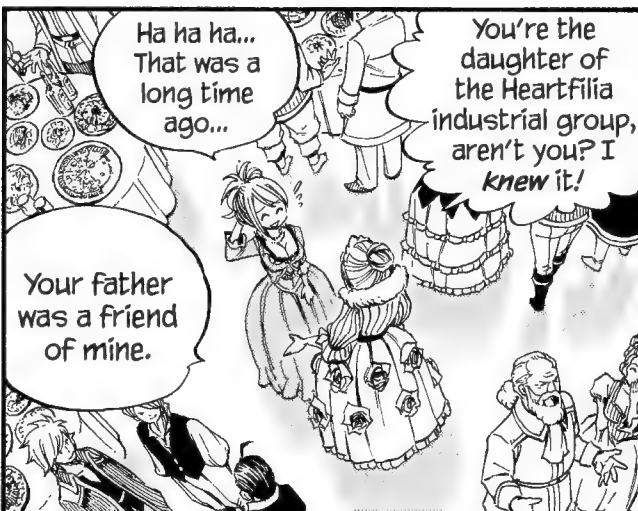
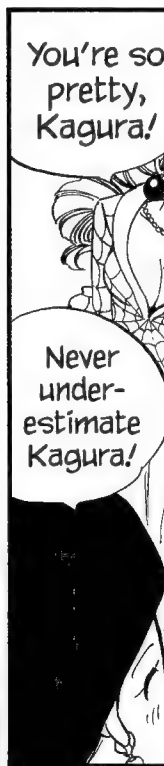
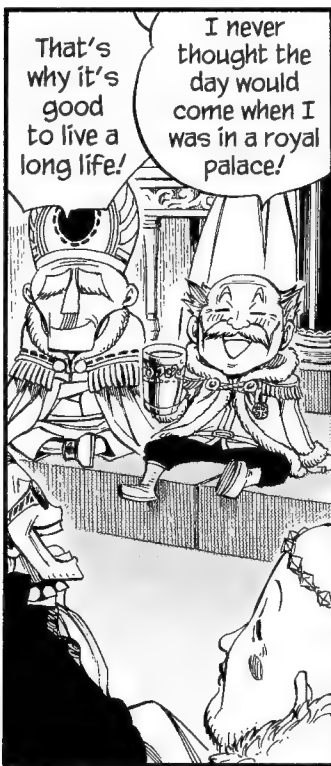


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I'm a wizard in a guild.

Trouble comes with the territory!



He did a great deal to help me, but...

...I've caused you nothing but trouble.

Ver. 1.1



Ver. 1.0



Ver. 1.2



Ver. 1.3



Juvia has now entered a new era of Juvias.

What are you, a machine, now?

Gray-sama, Juvia is now Juvia Ver. 2.0!



Isn't your pink-haired gentleman friend with you today?



Come to think of it, I wonder where he's got to?

If I don't like something, I come right out and say it!

I've entered a new era of Grays too.



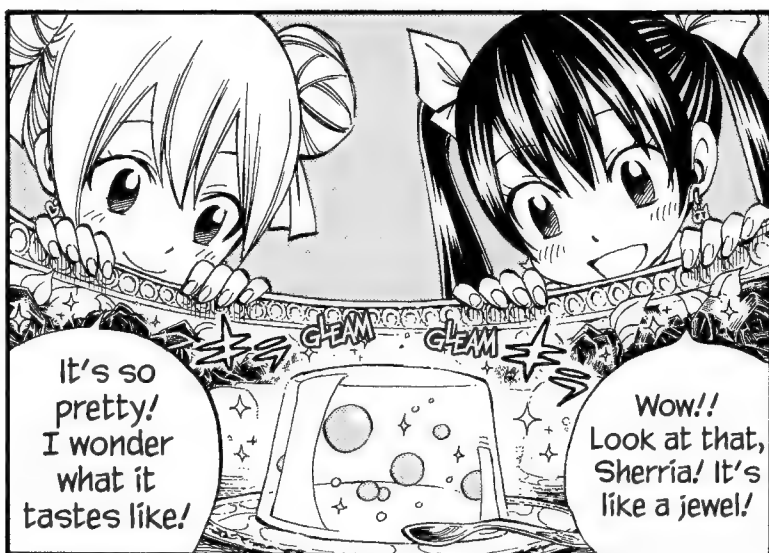
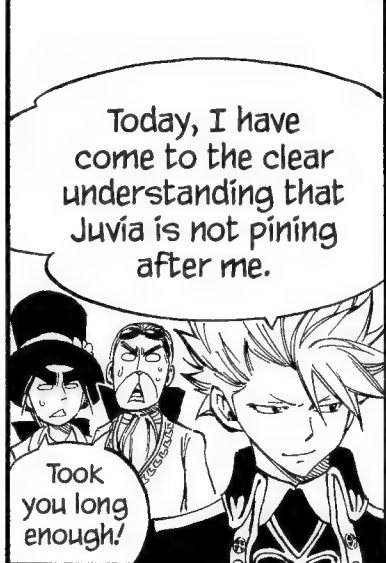
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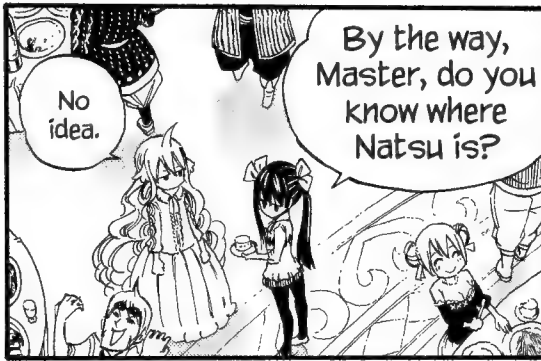
SWISH  
TWIRL  
<3!!

Gray-sama, Juvia loves you!!!

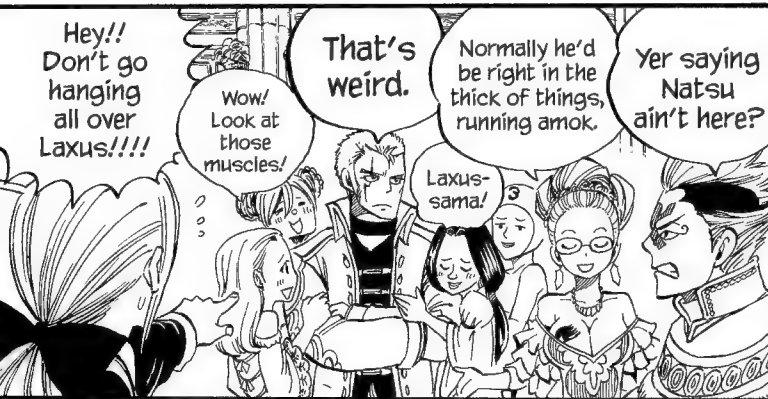






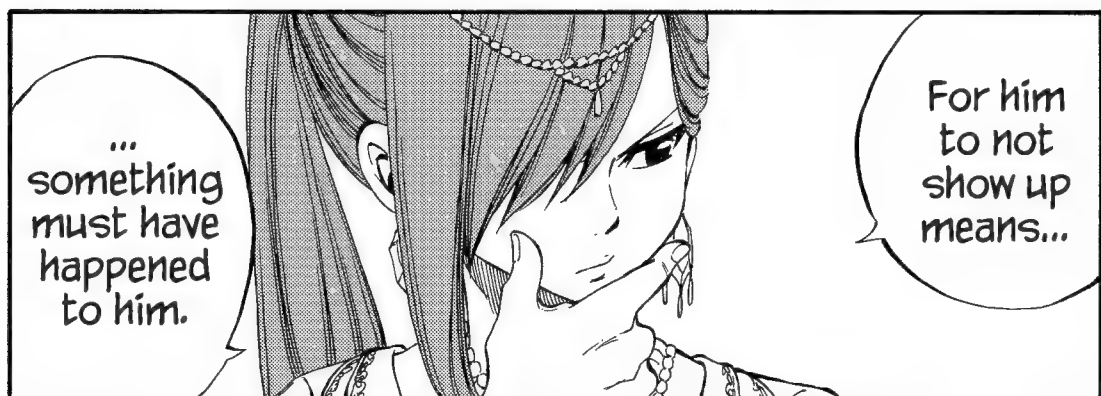
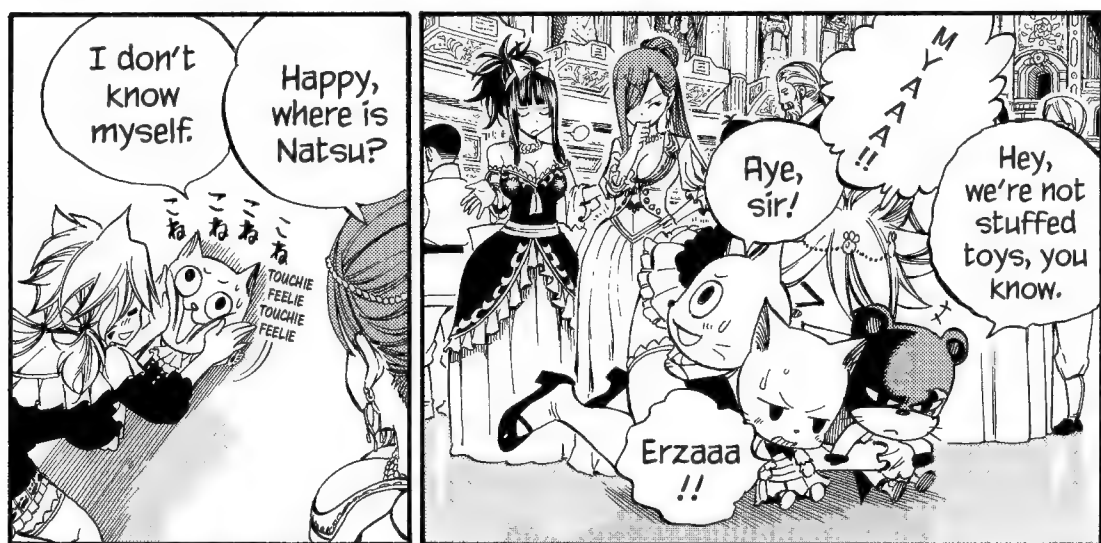


Only FT members can see her.

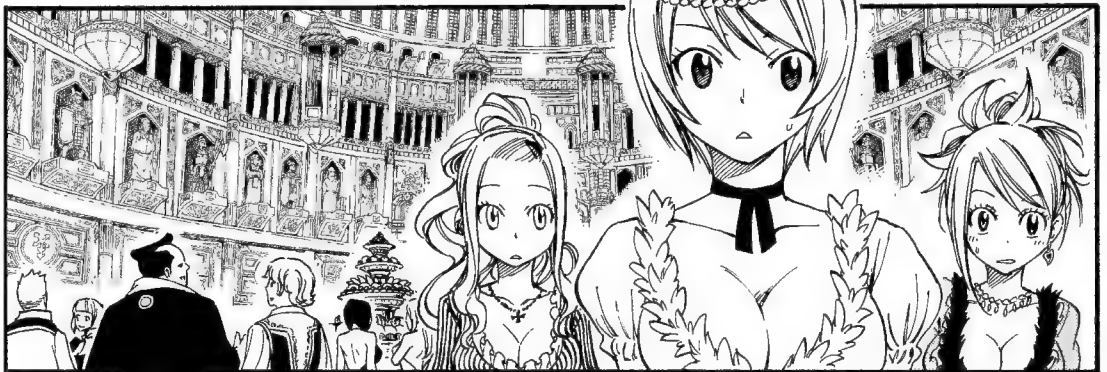




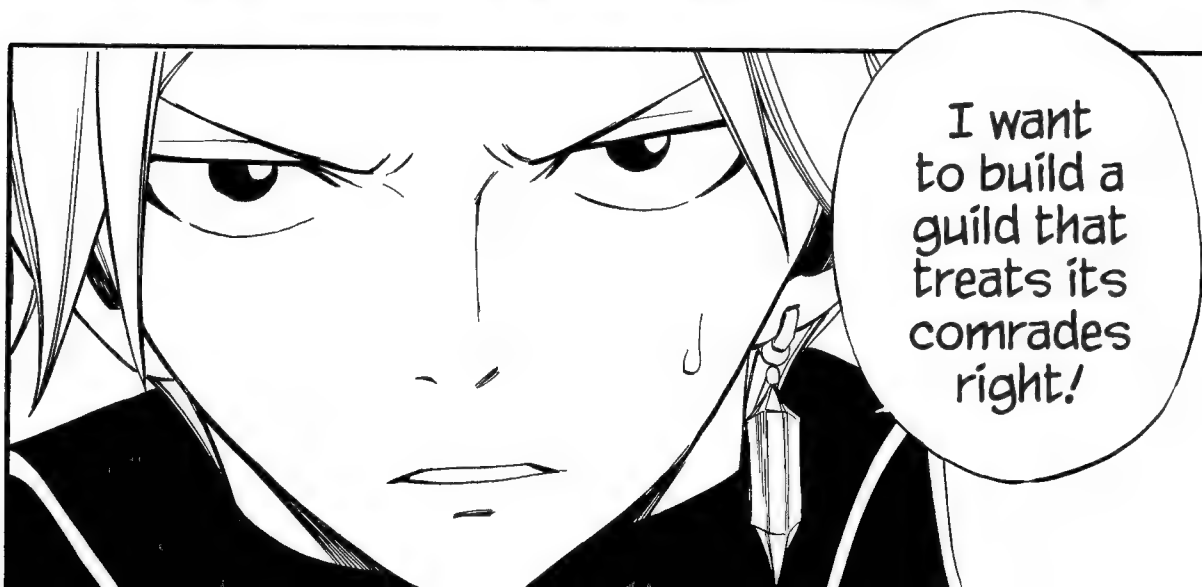
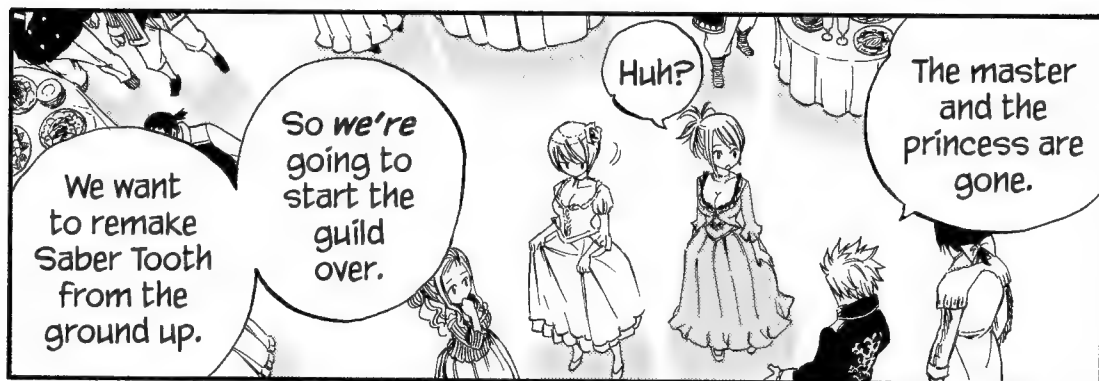


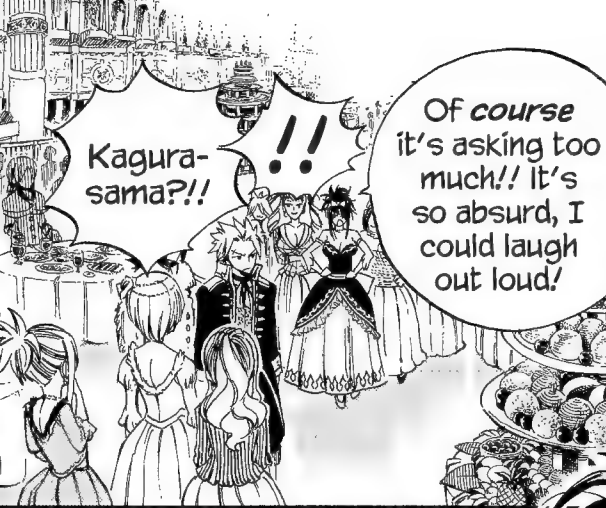












Kagura-sama?!!

Of course it's asking too much!! It's so absurd, I could laugh out loud!



'Cause I want you back... I know, it's asking too much, huh?

Why are you telling me this?



She is a part of Mermaid Heel now!! I will not stand for objections !!!!

I won, and Yukino's life now belongs to me!



Quiet, you!! Yukino is ours!!

Go home! You're drunk!!

Stop right there !!!!



What?! Huh...?



WHAAAAT?!!!



Juvia does not want any more rivals for Gray-sama's hand in marriage, though...

Right!

That's right!! Yukino fought with us, so she should be joining *our* guild!!

Man!

Do you think we'd just stand by and allow that to happen?

And how would we differentiate our characters?

Younger-sister-type character with short, silver hair.

Oh!



Come join us!

You do shine!

...would only be appropriate in Blue Pegasus.

No... A sparkling beauty such as yourself..

Oh, Fairy Tail, even you...?

What beautiful, fragrant perfume!

SNIFF  
SNIFF



Who cares if we didn't win the Games? Nobody can beat us in *this* fight!!

So far, we're an all-guy guild, but the thought of having a single flower among us makes my soul tremble!!

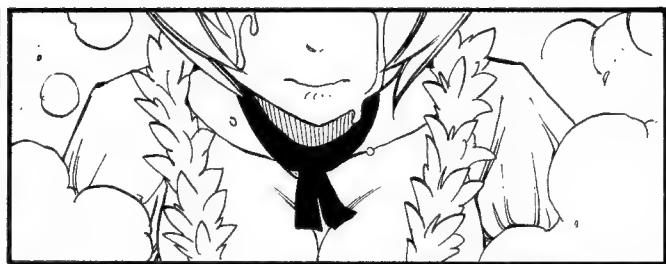
What're you getting angry for?

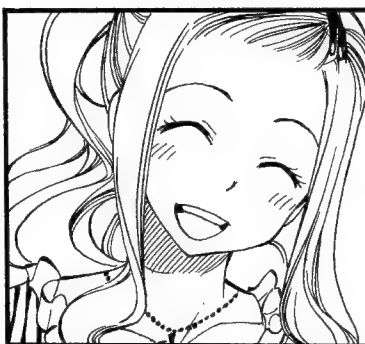
You'd *better* come join us!!

If it comes to that, Lamia Scale will join in the battle over Yukino's affiliation.

What good's it going to do us to compete for her?







We *finally* got a smile out of you!







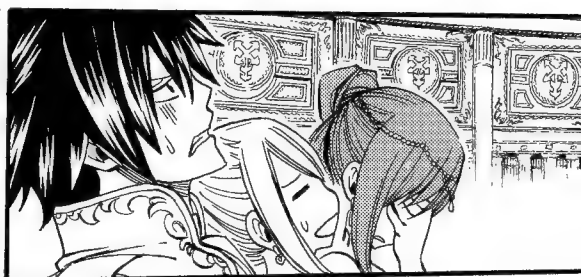


*Hey  
there,  
sub-  
jects!  
Be at  
ease  
!!!!*

**HAAAA  
HA HA  
HA HA  
HA HA  
!!!!!!**

**BOON**

*Give that  
back!  
Punkin!*





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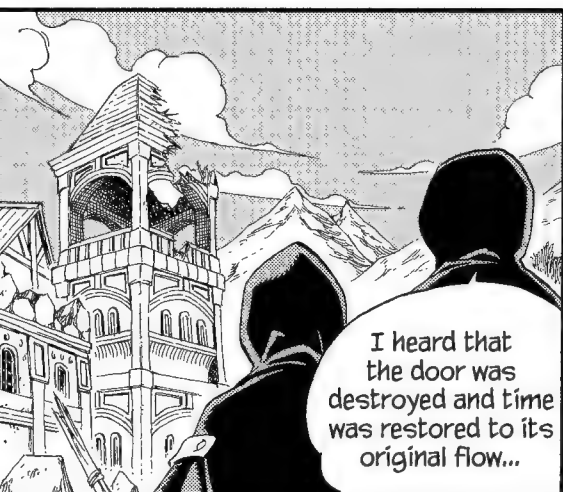


## Chapter 339: Drops of Time



Yeah...

We can't...  
seem to  
find Urtear  
anywhere...



I heard that  
the door was  
destroyed and time  
was restored to its  
original flow...



Yes, we've  
reverted to our  
old world, but  
our wounds  
never vanished.



I hope...  
she isn't  
wounded...



Still, our  
memories, and  
the damage  
the battle did  
to the capital,  
remain.

All of this  
*should* have  
gone back to  
normal also.

...and that  
Rogue and the  
dragons went  
back to their  
own times...

...but the future  
Lucy was killed in  
this age. I don't  
know what hap-  
pened to her.

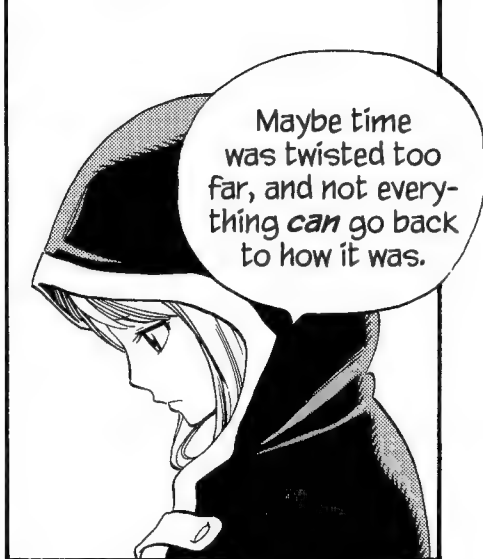




But that has a downside, too.



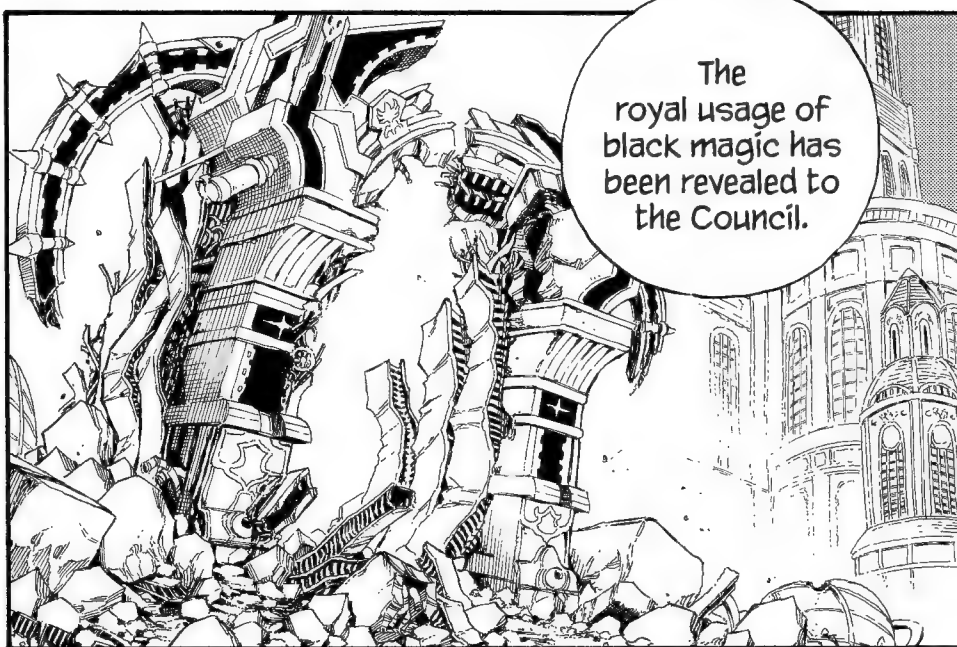
I must admit, I'm grateful that I can remember it.



Maybe time was twisted too far, and not everything *can* go back to how it was.



I hope it doesn't become a problem...



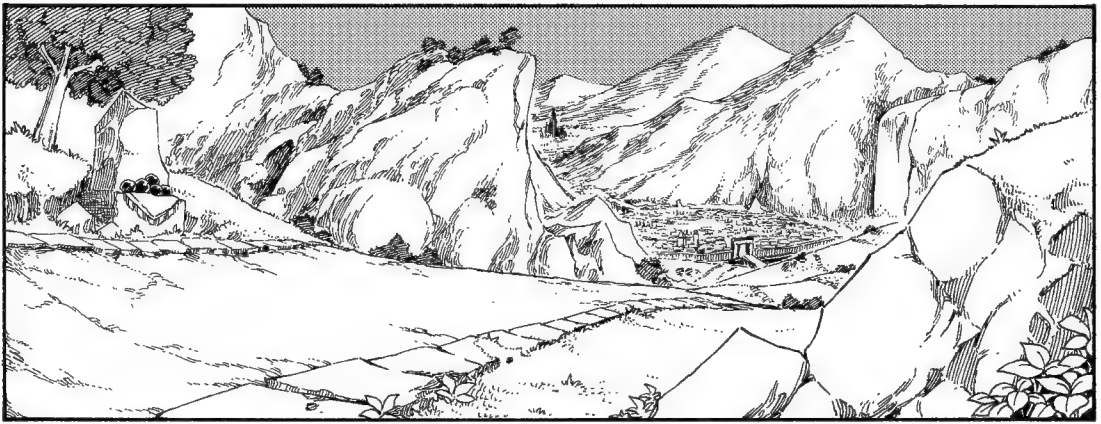
The royal usage of black magic has been revealed to the Council.



Doranbalt!















Several  
days  
earlier...



He went  
back  
quietly.



I never  
thought  
he'd come  
back...

You're a  
villain who  
keeps his  
promises?



Yeah... Here  
you called me  
for a job, and  
I wasn't able  
to slay a single  
dragon.

I was  
pretty  
pathetic,  
huh?



For now, I'll  
stay quiet  
and let you  
lead me back  
to my cozy  
little cell.



Voices  
?

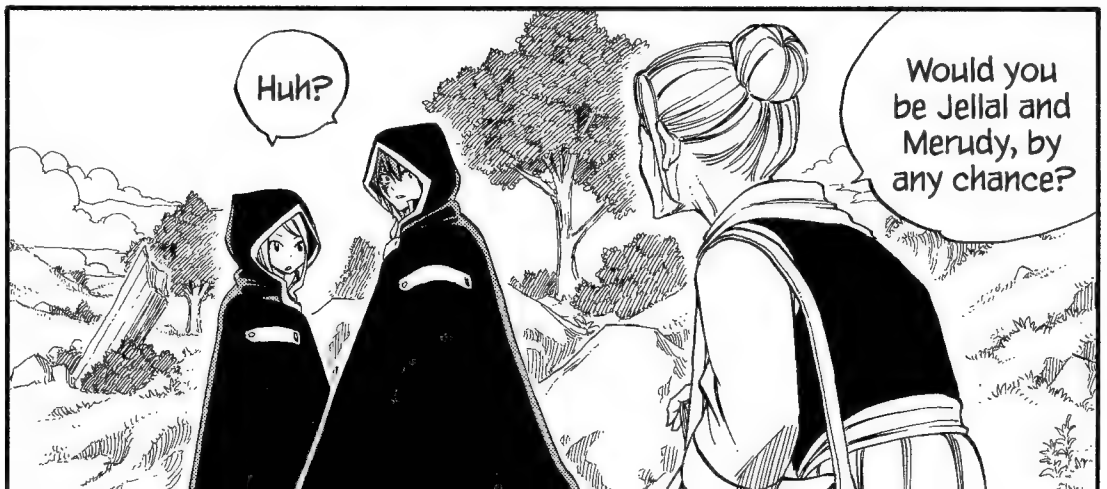
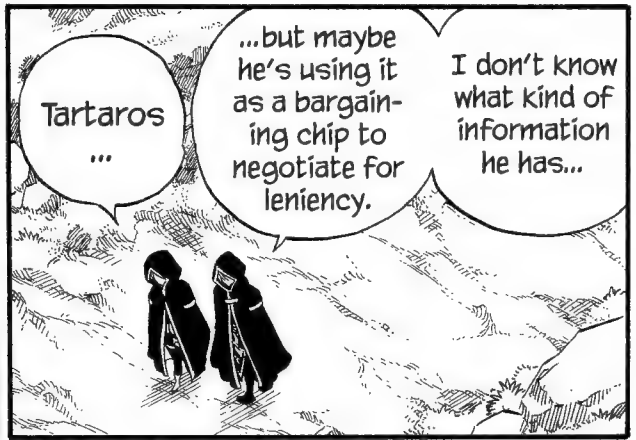
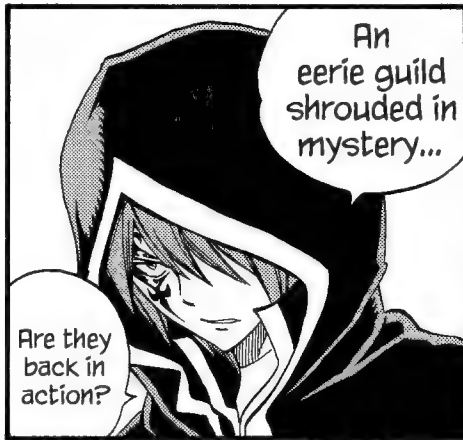


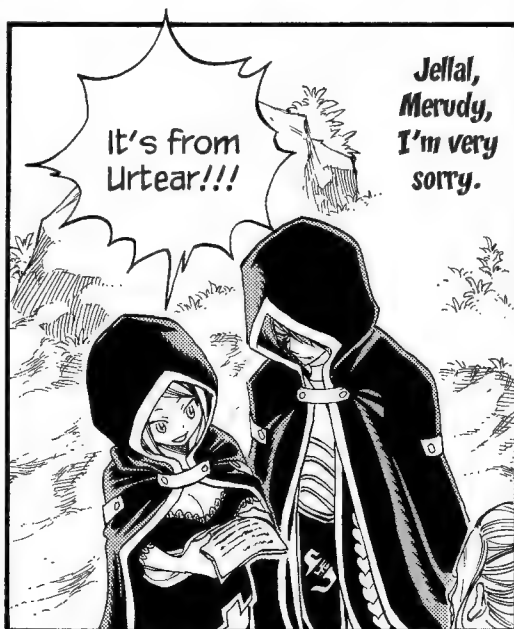
I like it  
outside.  
I got to  
hear a ton  
of voices.

Cubellios,  
I heard  
your voice  
too.









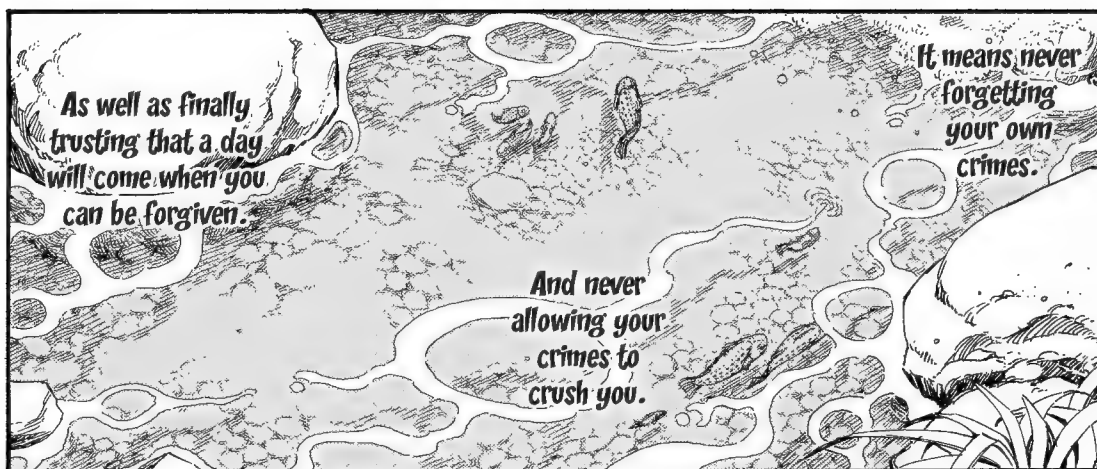


**Always keep in mind  
the spirit of Crime  
Sorcière.**



**My journey  
ends here.**

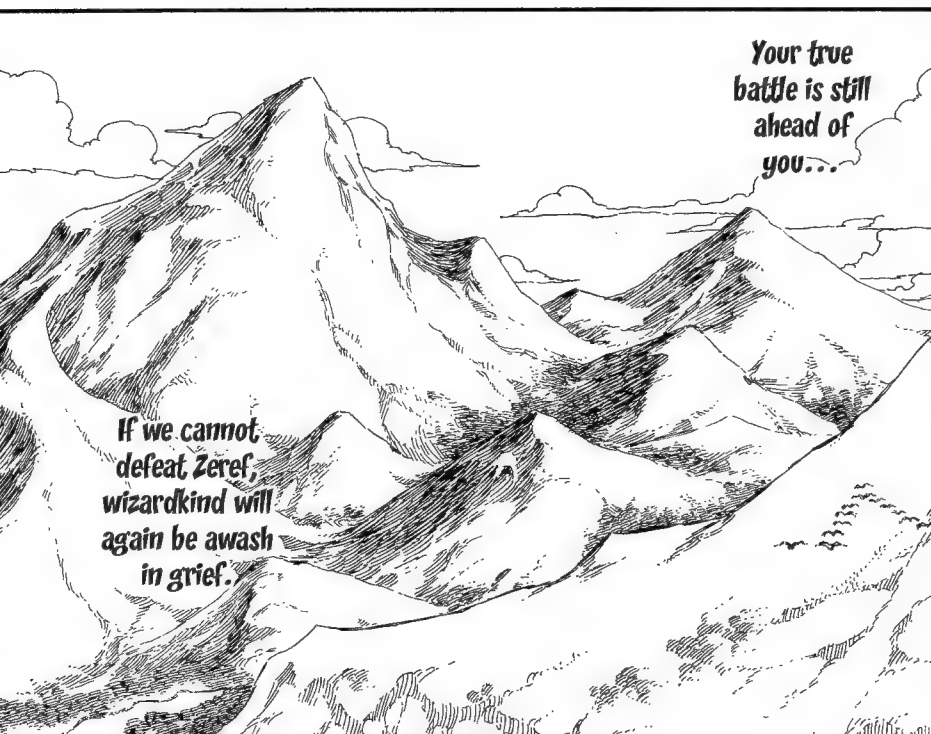
**It appears I will  
pass on before  
accomplishing  
what I wished,  
but...**



**As well as finally  
trusting that a day  
will come when you  
can be forgiven.**

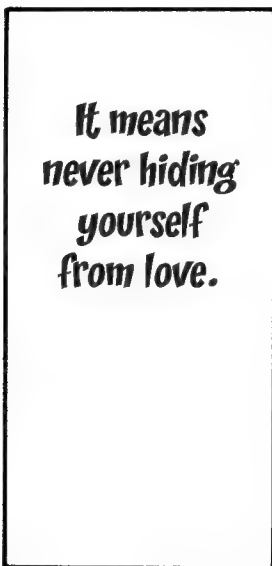
**It means never  
forgetting  
your own  
crimes.**

**And never  
allowing your  
crimes to  
crush you.**



**If we cannot  
defeat Zeref,  
wizardkind will  
again be awash  
in grief.**

**Your true  
battle is still  
ahead of  
you...**



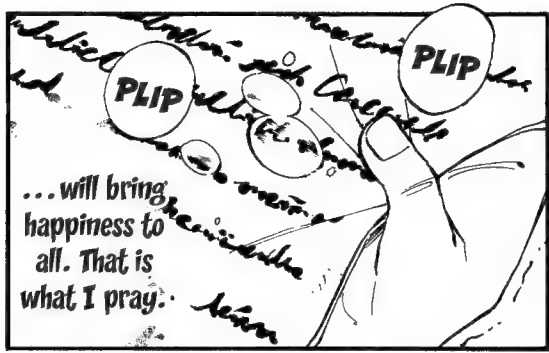
**It means  
never hiding  
yourself  
from love.**





Please  
live  
on for  
me...

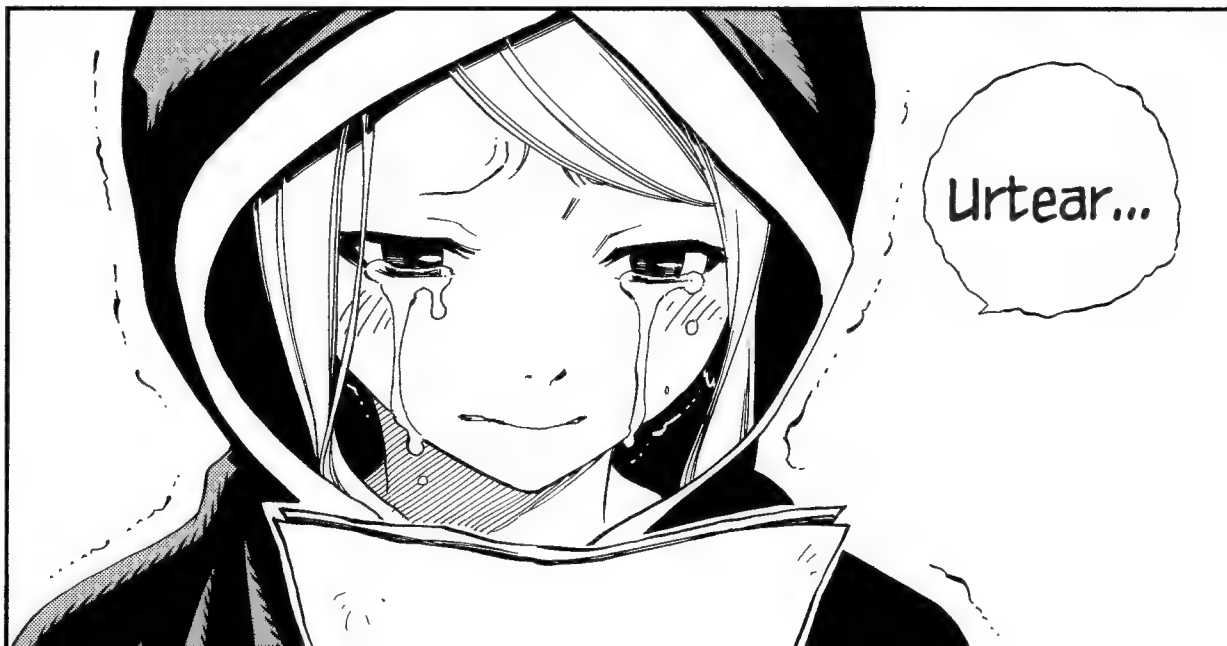
...and  
keep  
fighting.



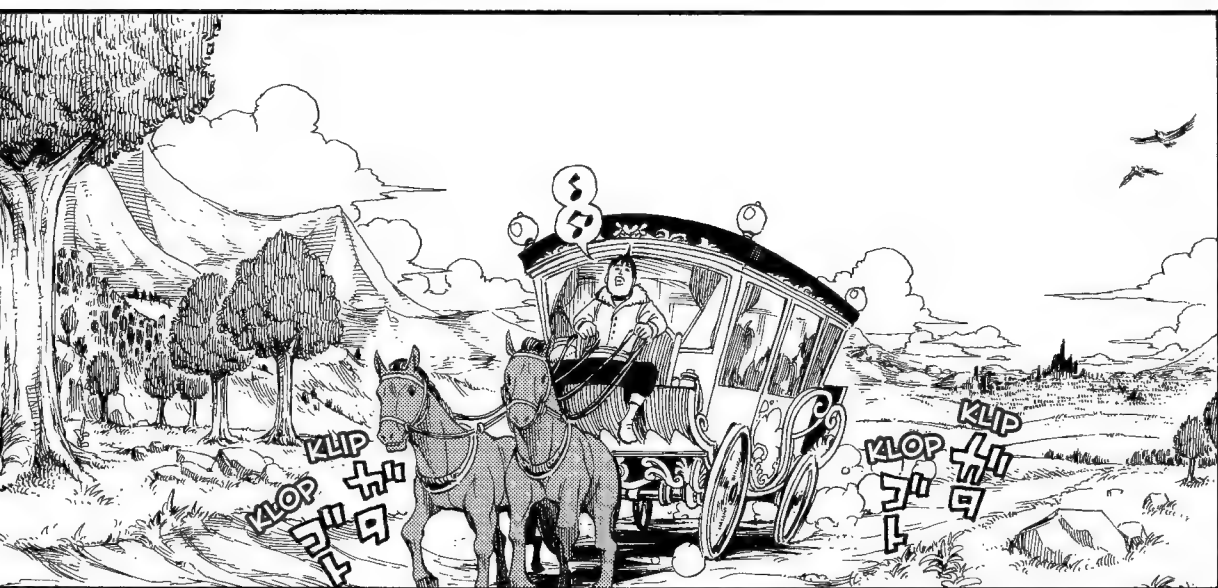
...will bring  
happiness to  
all. That is  
what I pray.

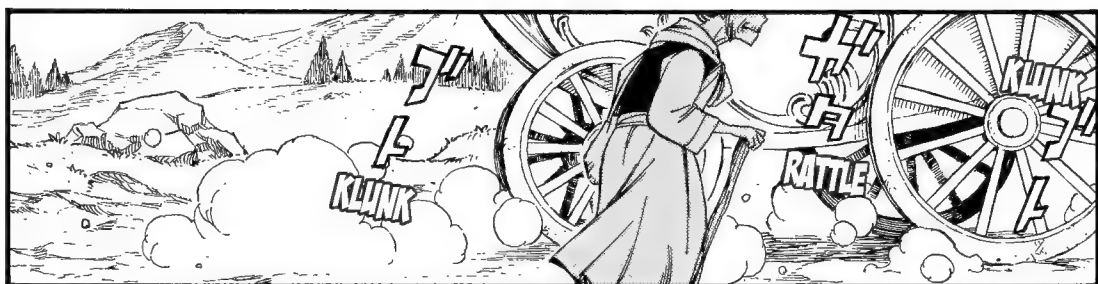


This  
journey of  
yours...

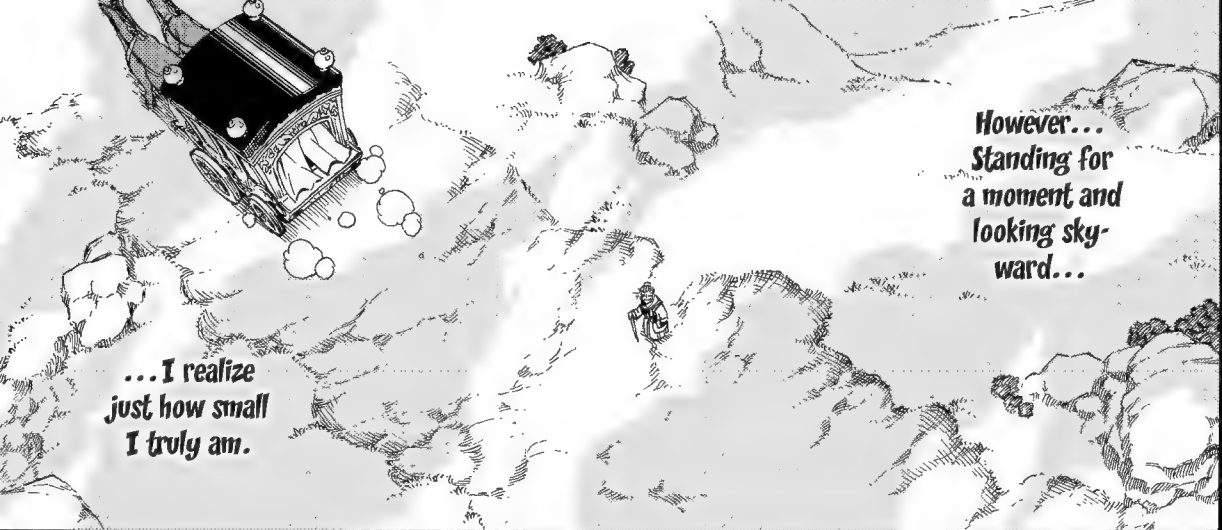


Urtear...









However...  
Standing for  
a moment and  
looking sky-  
ward...

...I realize  
just how small  
I truly am.



Spread out before  
me is an infinite  
universe.



**It almost  
feels as if  
my sins are  
being washed  
away...**

**Brilliant rays  
of light are  
streaming  
down...**

**...by this  
gentle rain  
of light.**

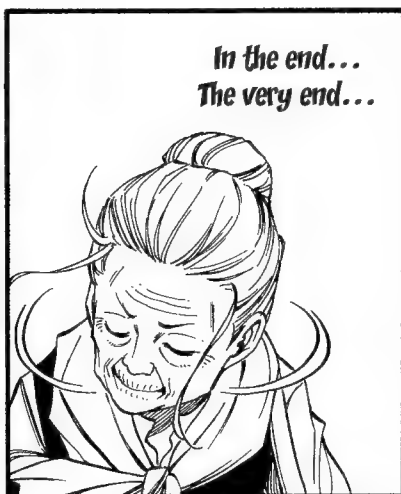
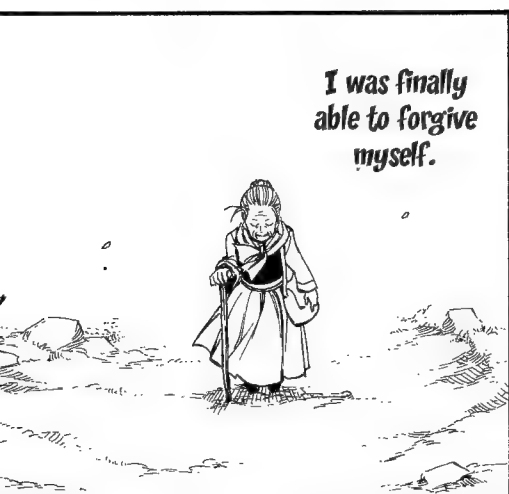
**... shining  
upon my  
tiny spirit.**



**For the first  
time in my  
life, I am glad  
I was born.**











 **FAIRYTAIL**





## Chapter 340: Delivery





Fairy Tail has returned in triumph !!!!

Quit it, Elf!

We did it, Lisan-na!

Hiii!

Mira-chan, look this way!

Yaaay! We actually *did* win it!

Aye, sir!

We're home!

We're number one!!

Ohh! This is impressive!!

Dial it down a little, Cana!

A party! Booze!

Hey, let's see some energy out of you!

I want to thank everyone for all the support you've given us.

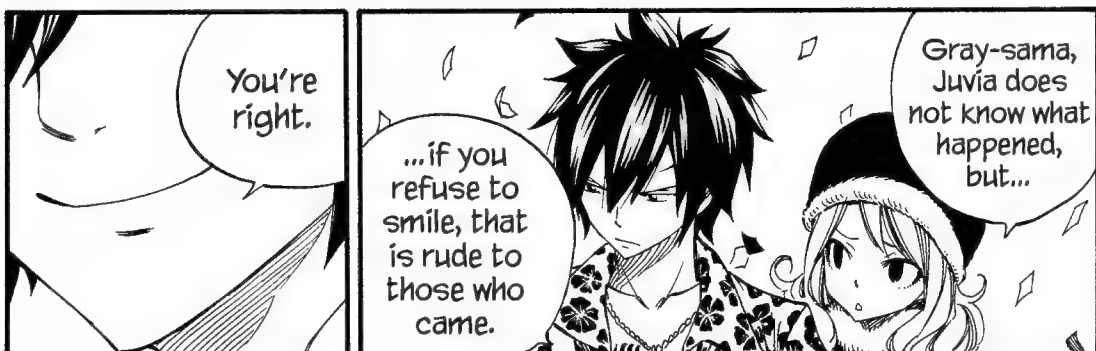
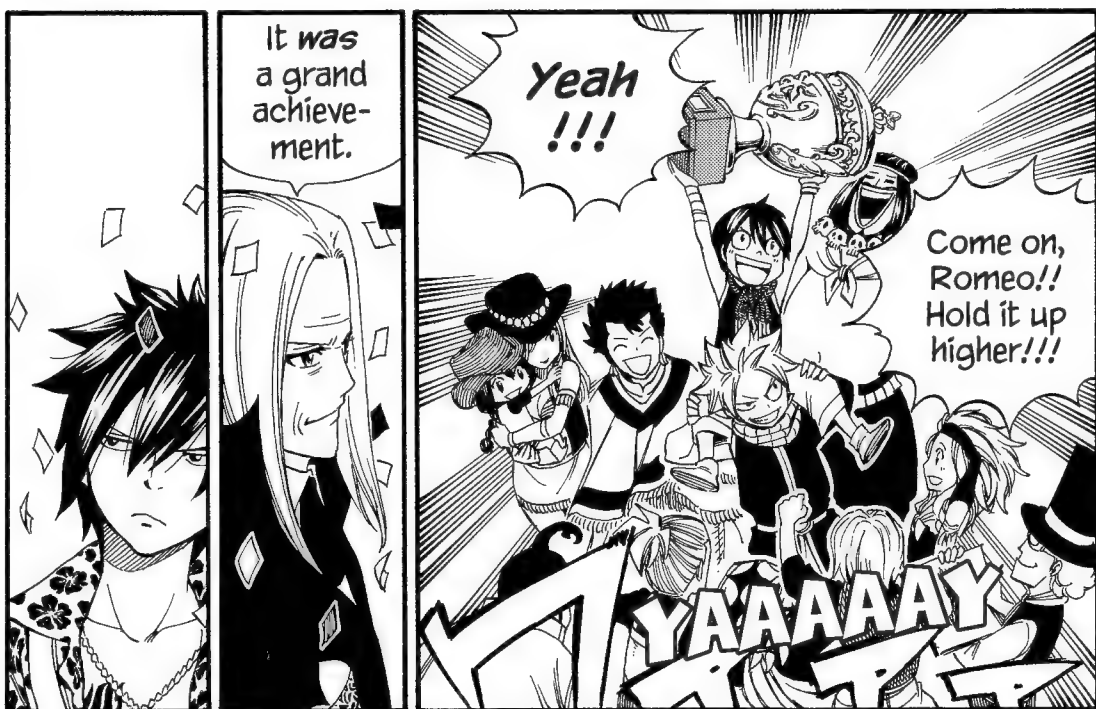
It looks like people from all over the region are here.

Look at that crowd...

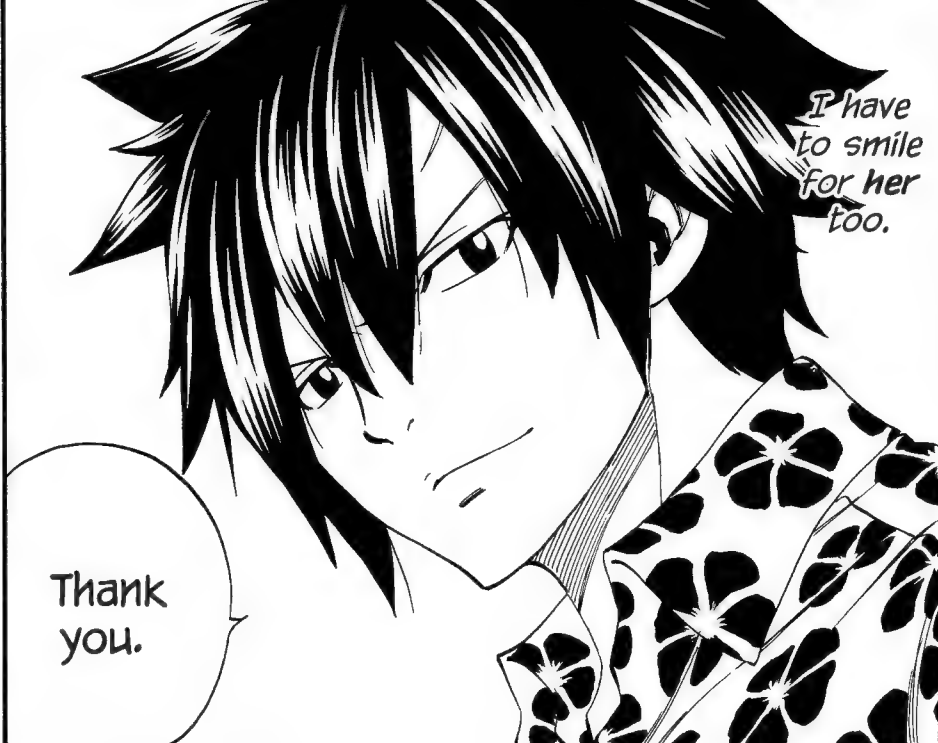












**FW BOOOOOM**

**Fairy Tail is  
the pride of  
our town!**

**So, as a  
present, we  
have repaired  
your guild  
building.**





Aye,  
sir  
!!!!

The  
guild's  
back to  
how it  
was!!!!



...to  
make the  
repairs.

The  
entire  
town  
pitched  
in...



No, no...

You are...  
such a nice  
mayor...



わあああああ  
WAA HHH



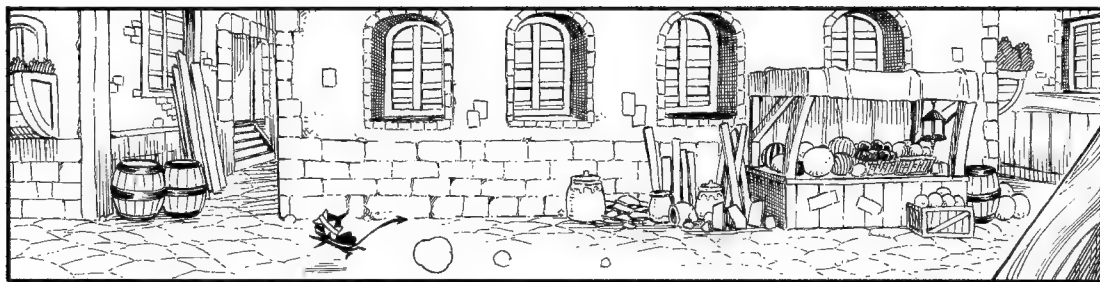
あああああ  
AA A A



あははは  
AH HA HA HA

I really  
love this  
town!!!!







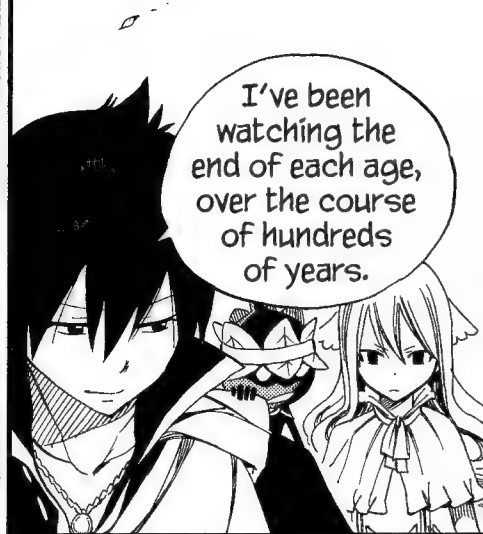






I've seen the wars of men, their hatred, the evil in their souls...

And I've anticipated a new age when those ills will be purged.



I've been watching the end of each age, over the course of hundreds of years.



Those worthy of my regard are already on the verge of extinction.

The humans are *not* living. Not in the true meaning of the word.



Even so, the people live on.



I don't know how many times... I've seen them make the same mistakes over and over...



I won't wait.

You...aren't going to wait any-more?

I've thought about it for seven years, and I've reached a conclusion.

X L SHUMP





...then I will  
reject the  
world.

As long as  
the world  
spurns me...



This is  
what I will  
deliver.

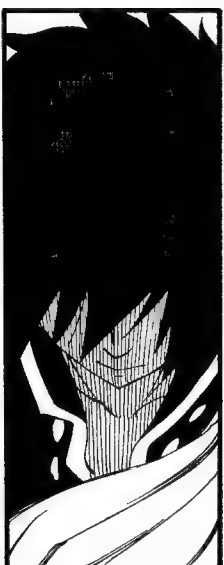
A world of  
harmony. A  
new start.



Fairy Tail  
can affirm  
a person's  
faith in the  
world.



No.



You're  
starting a  
war?



***This will  
be an  
extermi-  
nation.***

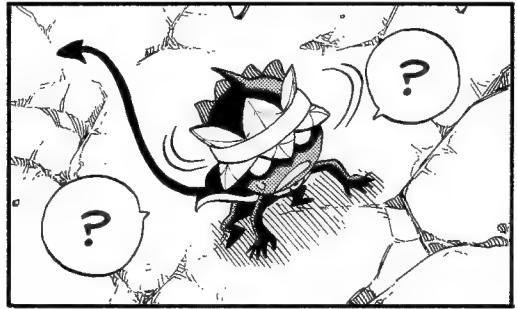
***I will  
not leave  
a single  
one  
alive.***

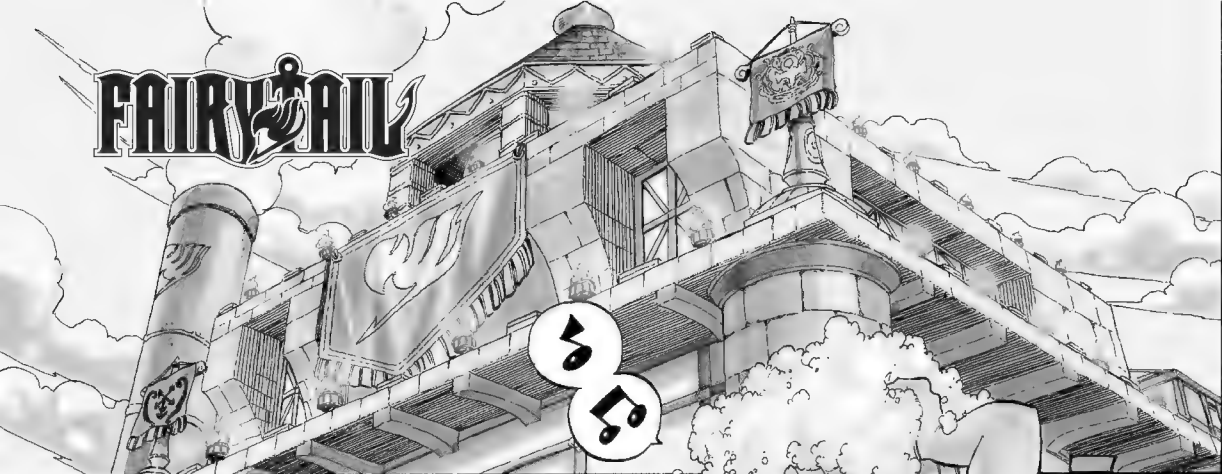




***You will  
be the one  
to meet  
your end.***

***Fairy  
Tail will  
stop  
you.***





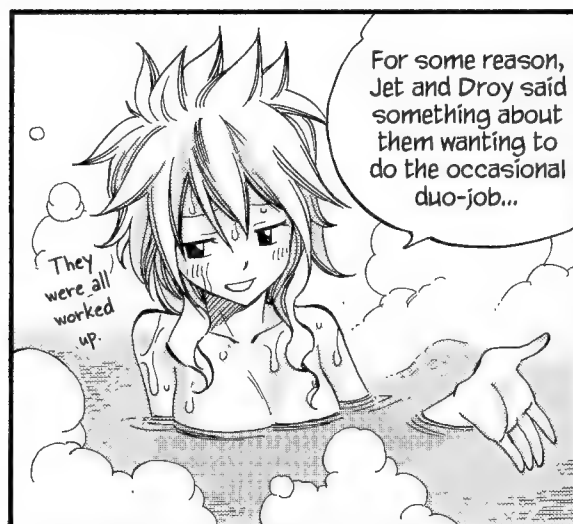




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 FAIRYTAIL







Come to think of it, Natsu and Gray said they were going out on a rare duo-job too.



Why did you bring *them*?

So please save us, Gajeel!!

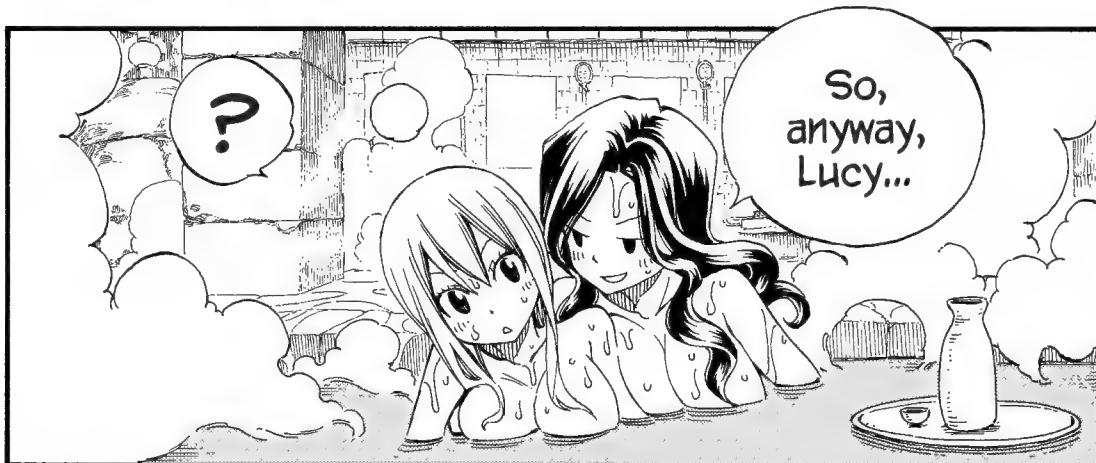
They just tagged along!



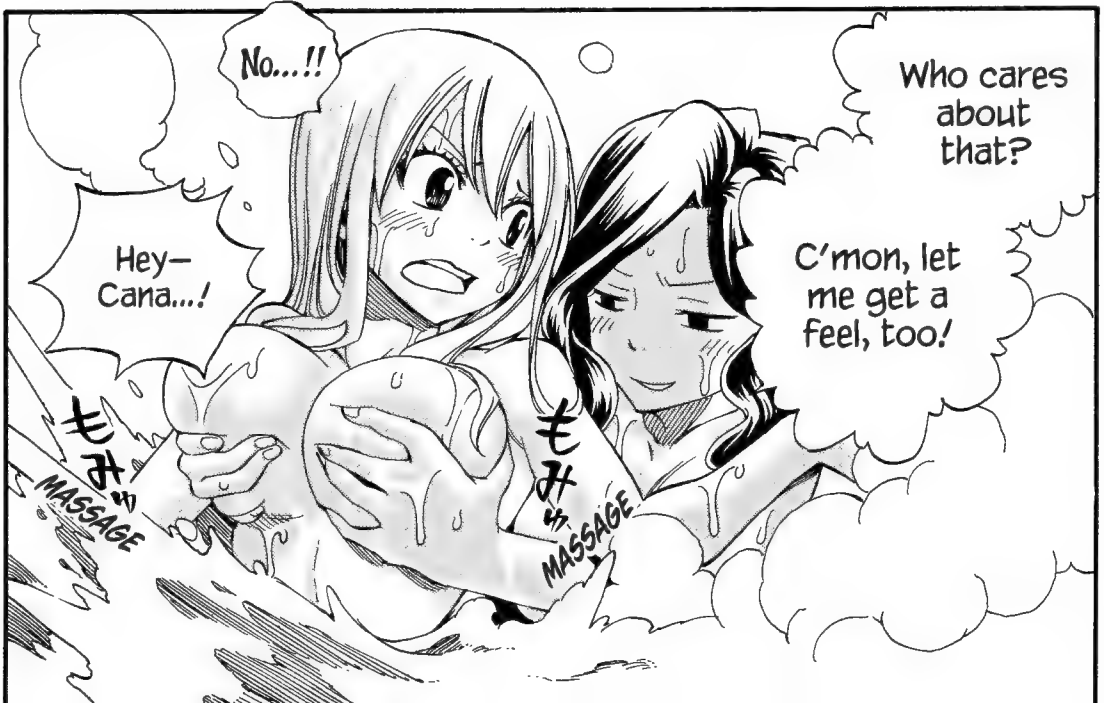
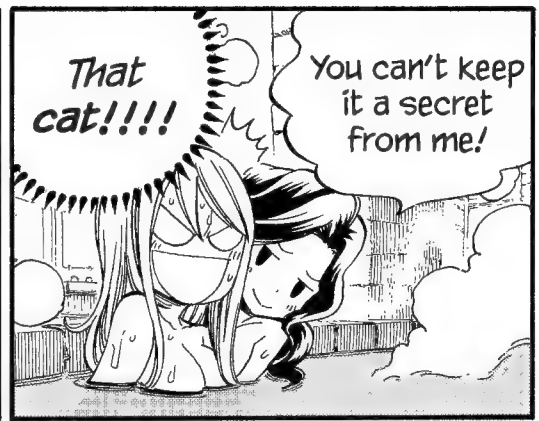
Happy's probably with them, too.

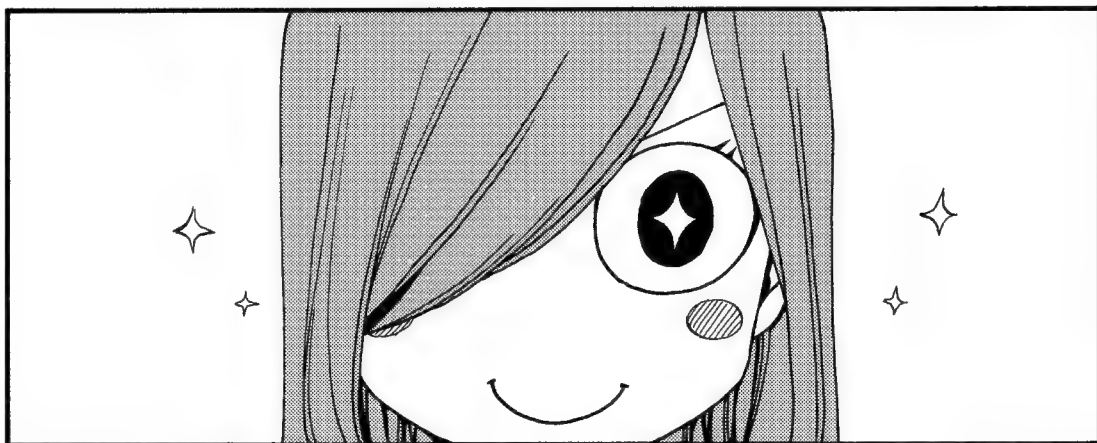
Well, they *have* been more chummy lately. But I wouldn't expect them to go off alone together.

Those two?! That *is* unusual !!

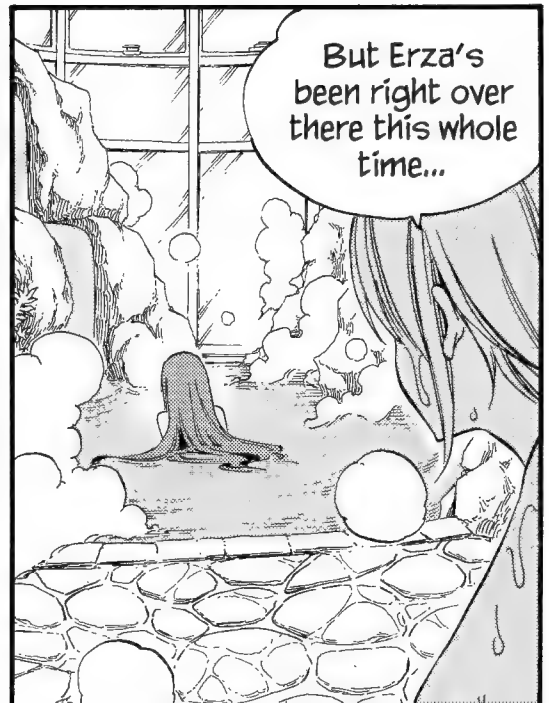
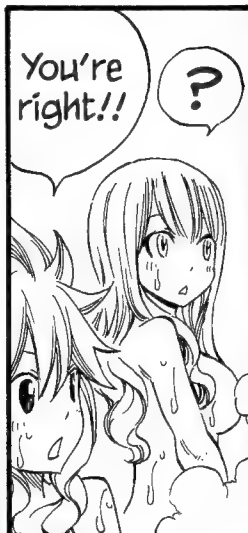
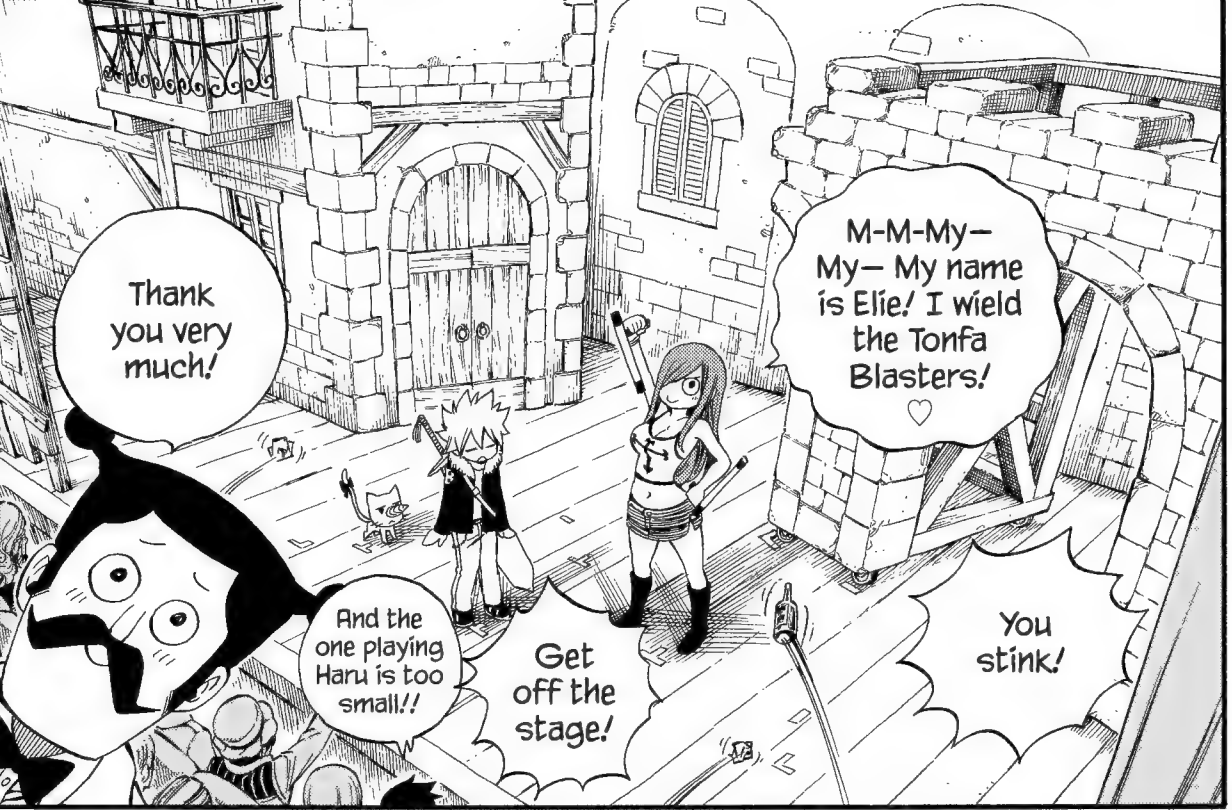


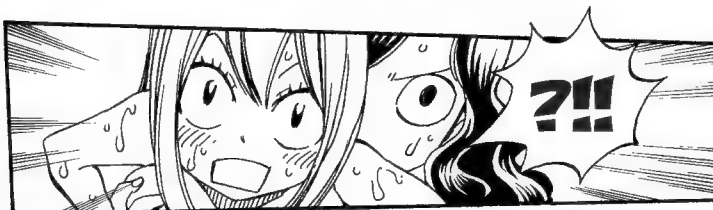
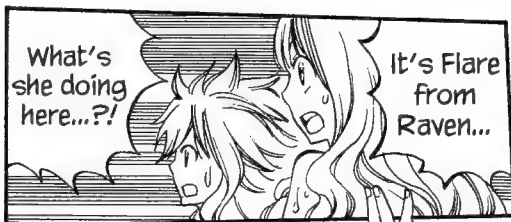
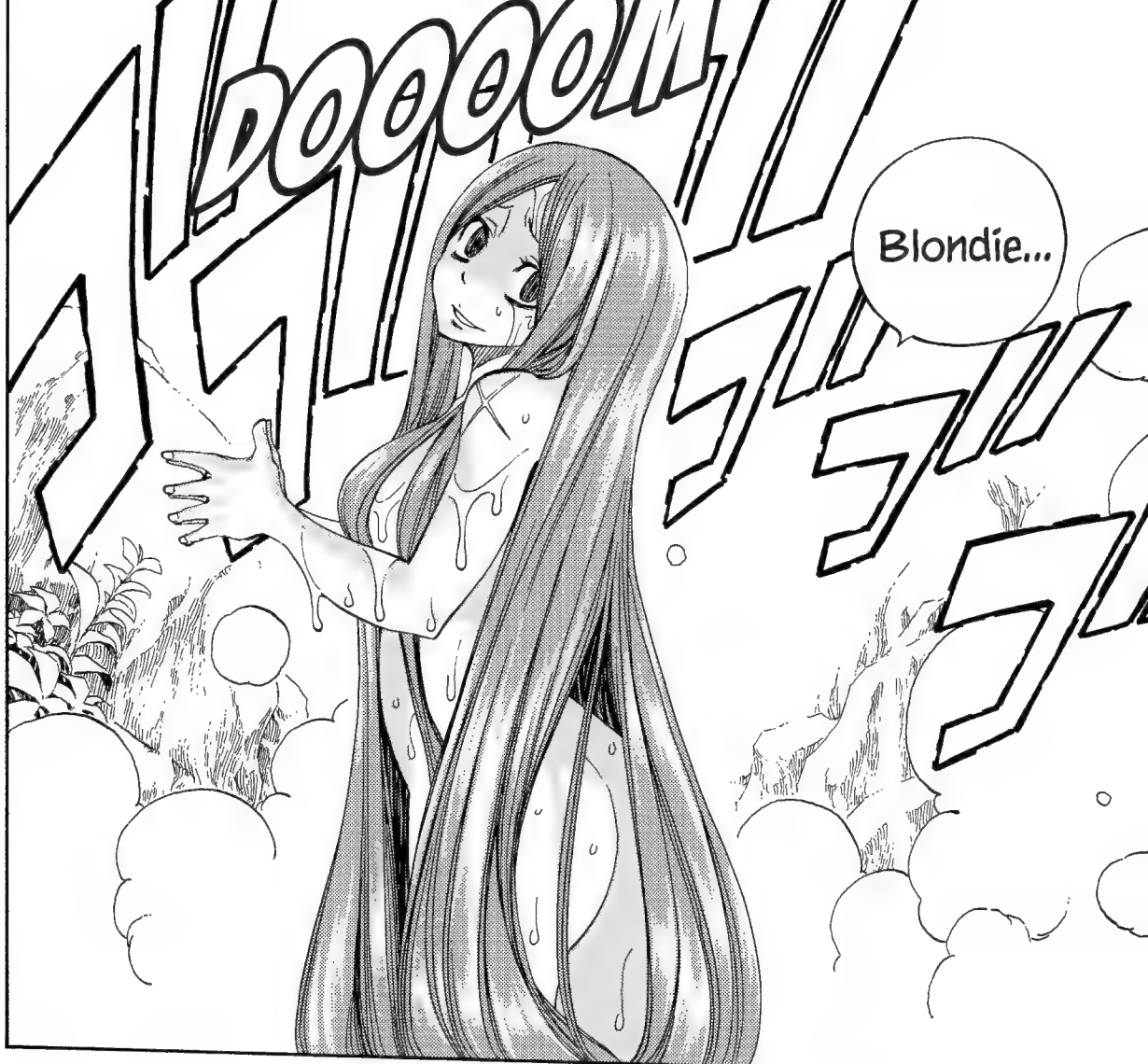
So, anyway, Lucy...





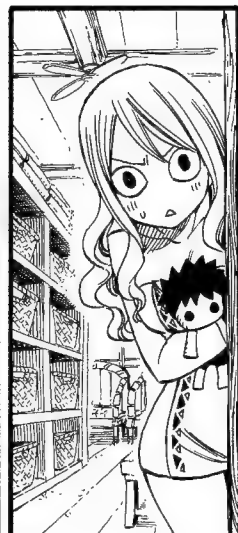
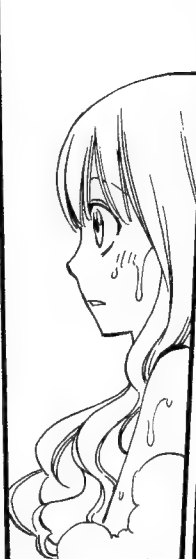


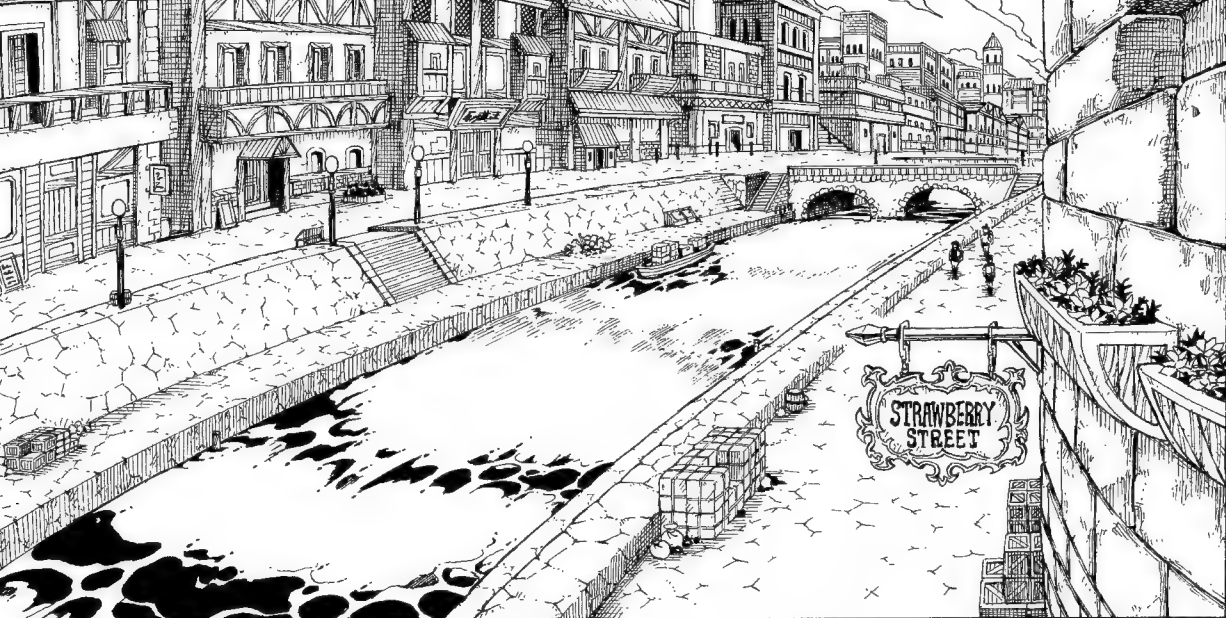


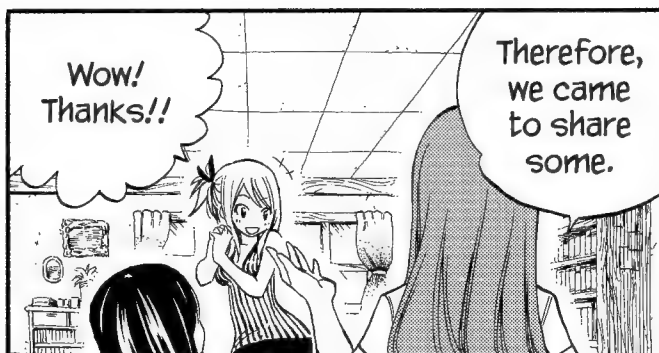
















But I'm wondering if Happy's group is back yet!



Like a dream!

Kind of...  
Hrm...



Not that we're worried about them or anything.

I hear the job was close by, so maybe we should go check on them?



Foolishness!! Three days have already passed!

They said it'd be an easy job, but they're taking an awfully long time.

We even saved some sweets for them!



Hold on! I'll come along, too!

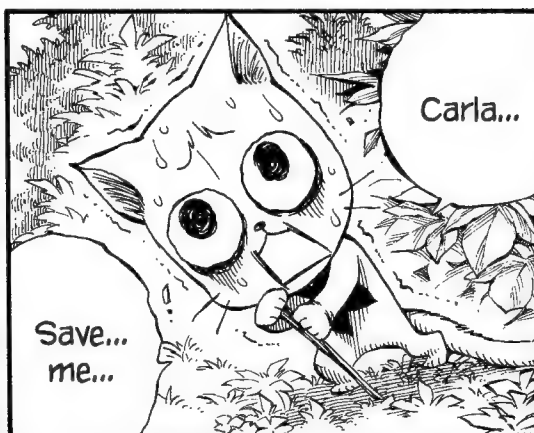


You think they might be in trouble?

That is true... Considering their abilities, the fact that they've yet to return is a bit worrisome.

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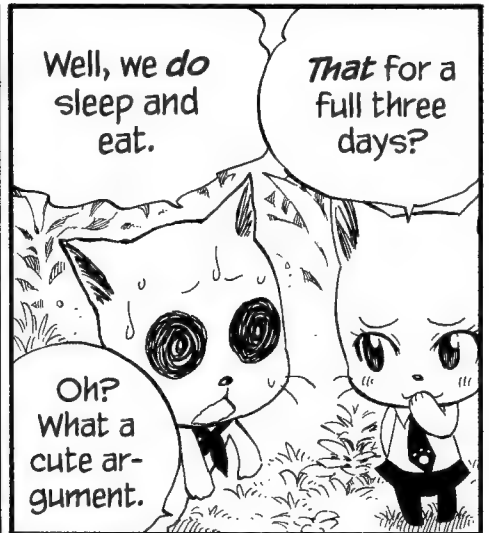


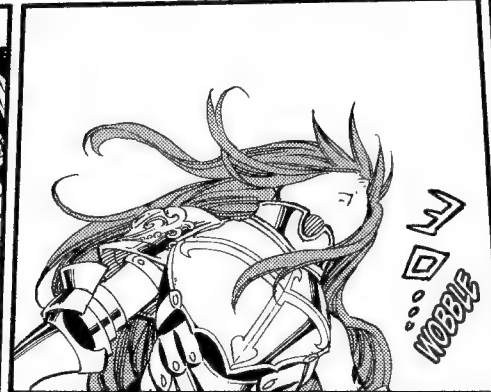


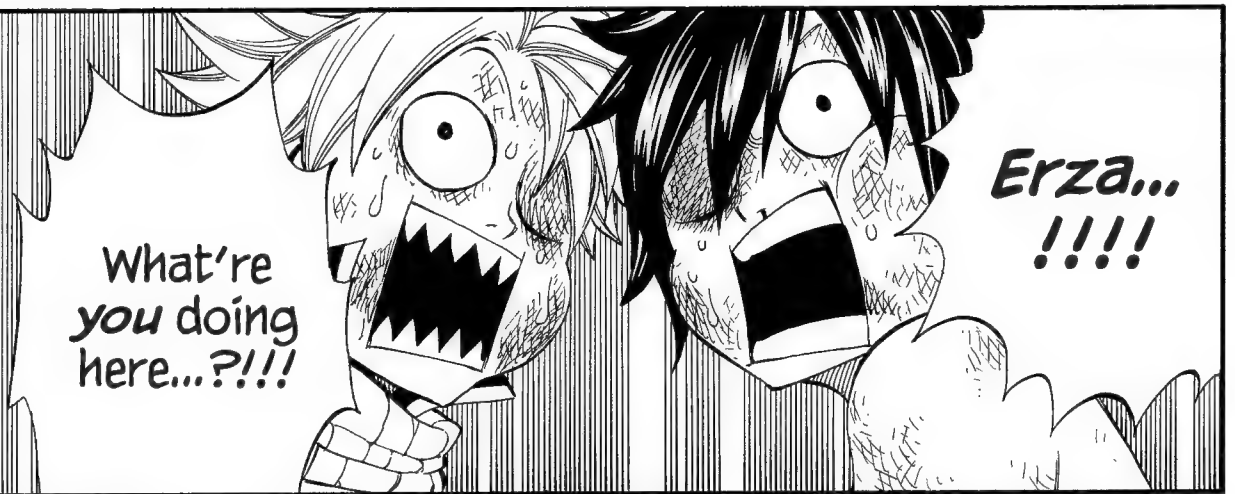
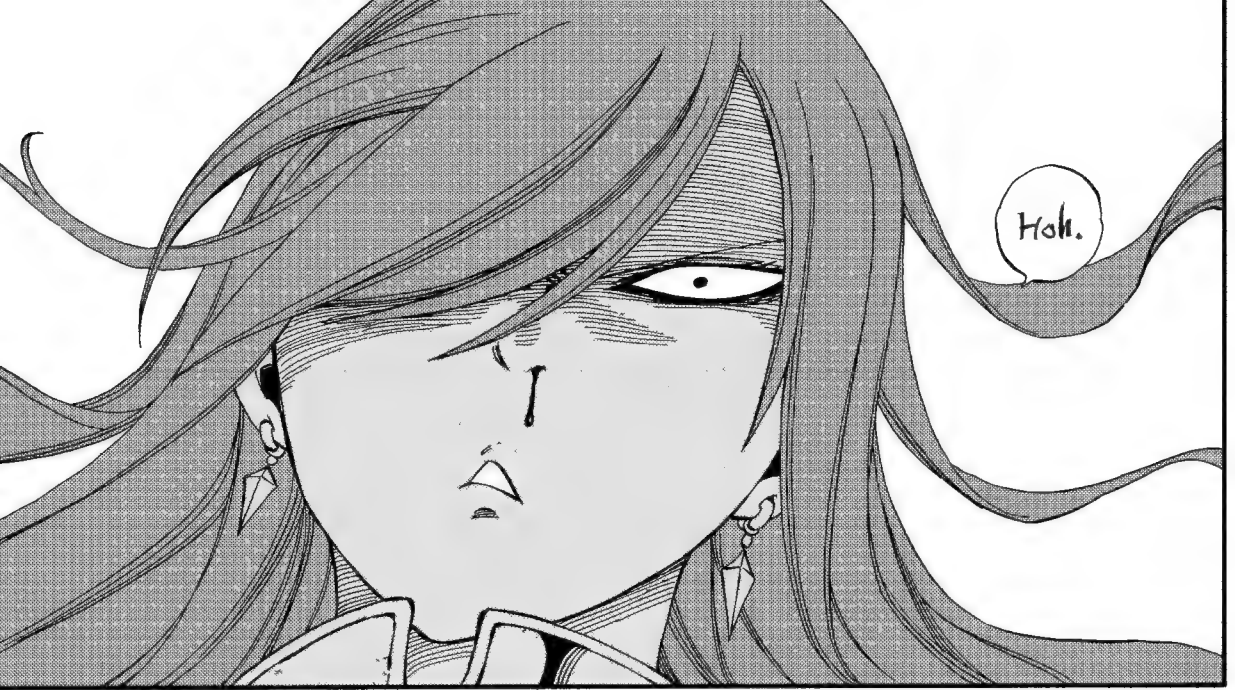
That's my  
line, you  
exhibitionist  
creep!!!!



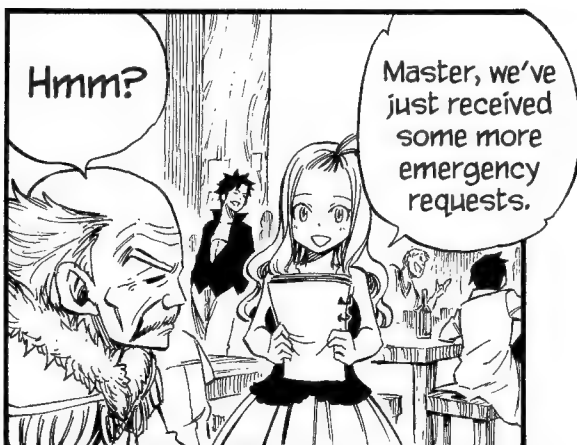
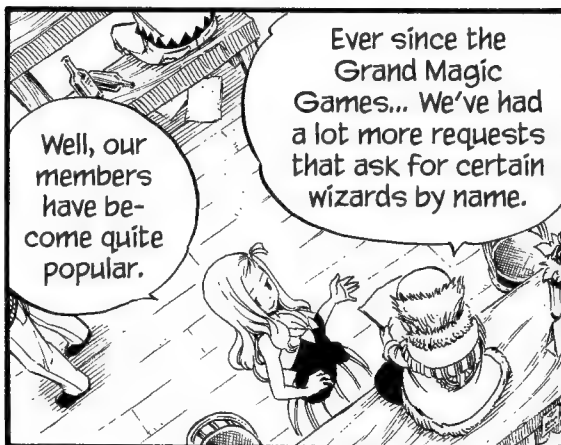
And here I was worried...  
The usual...  
Aww.  
That's 'cause *you* never attack fast enough...  
You always go on the attack without a single thought in your head!!!

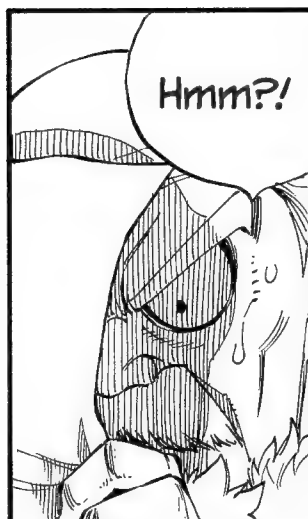














The one  
who put in  
the request  
is Warrod  
Sequen.

He is ranked  
fourth among  
the wizard  
saints, and has  
been dubbed  
one of the Four  
Emperors of  
Ishgal.



Why would  
such a pow-  
erful wizard  
want...?

What  
does that  
mean?

A wizard  
saint request-  
ing a job?!!

!!!

Whaa  
?!!!

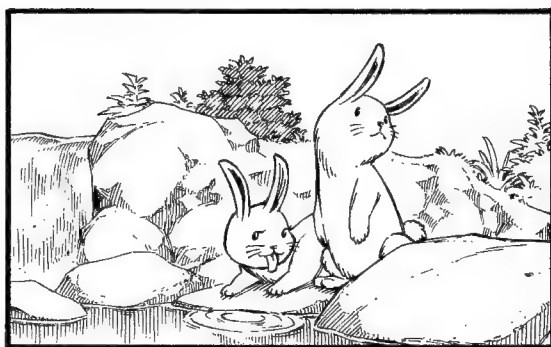


What  
in the  
world?





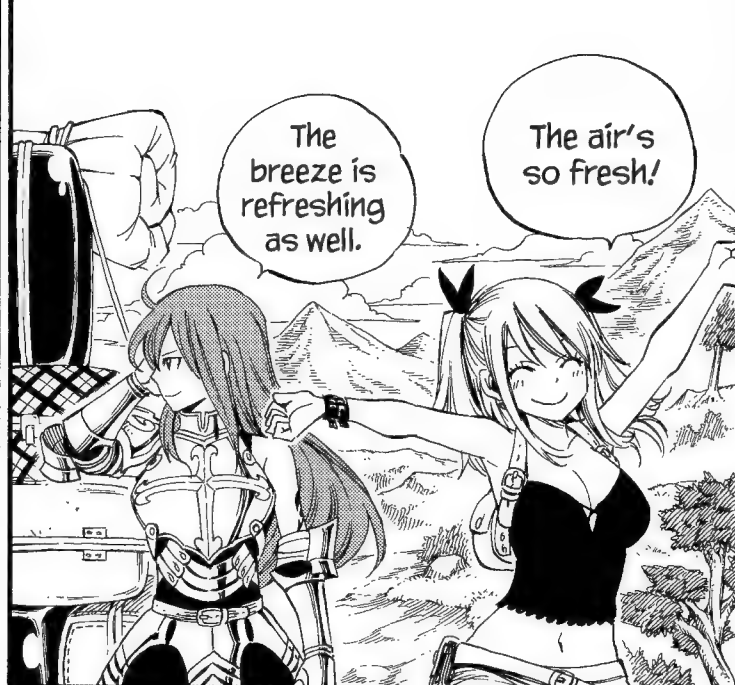
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Yes, it would be...

This is fun!  
Kind of like a picnic!



The breeze is refreshing as well.

The air's so fresh!



The stupid color of your hair is making my eyes hurt!! Do something about it!!

And put some clothes on!!

Why would I eat anything of yours?!

You ate the meat I reserved for *me*!!

...if it weren't for those two.



This doesn't bode well.

And here we came because we were afraid they wouldn't get along if we left them alone together.

Shape up, both of you!! We are about to be in the presence of someone of very high rank!



Indeed. Our master and Jura of Lamia are two of them.

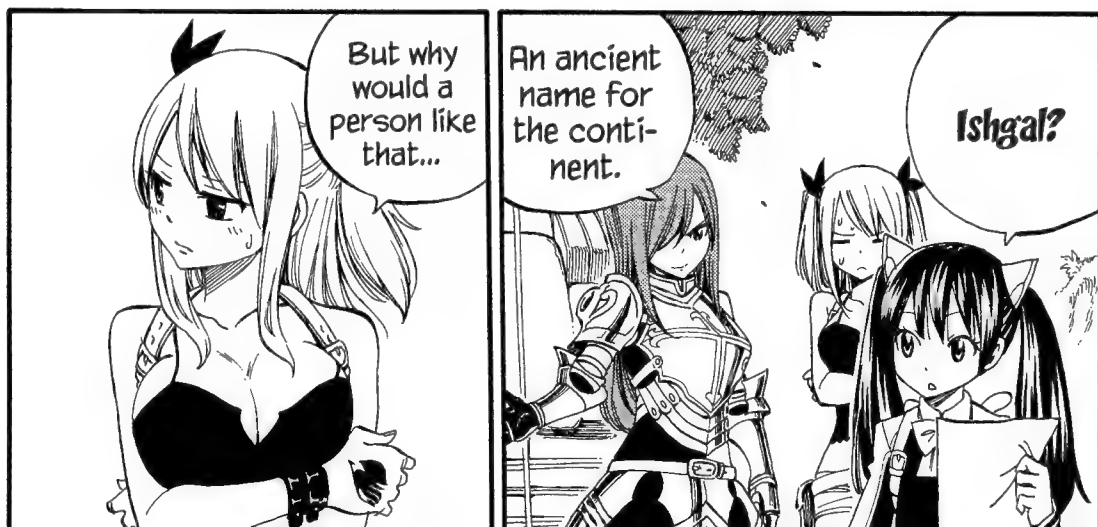
If I remember right, these ten wizard saints are the ten strongest wizards on the entire continent, according to the Council... Was that it?



And among the ten, the four ranked at the very top are incredible wizards called the Four Emperors of Ishgal.

I think I'm feeling nervous already...

Jose, of Phantom, and Jellal used to hold that title as well.

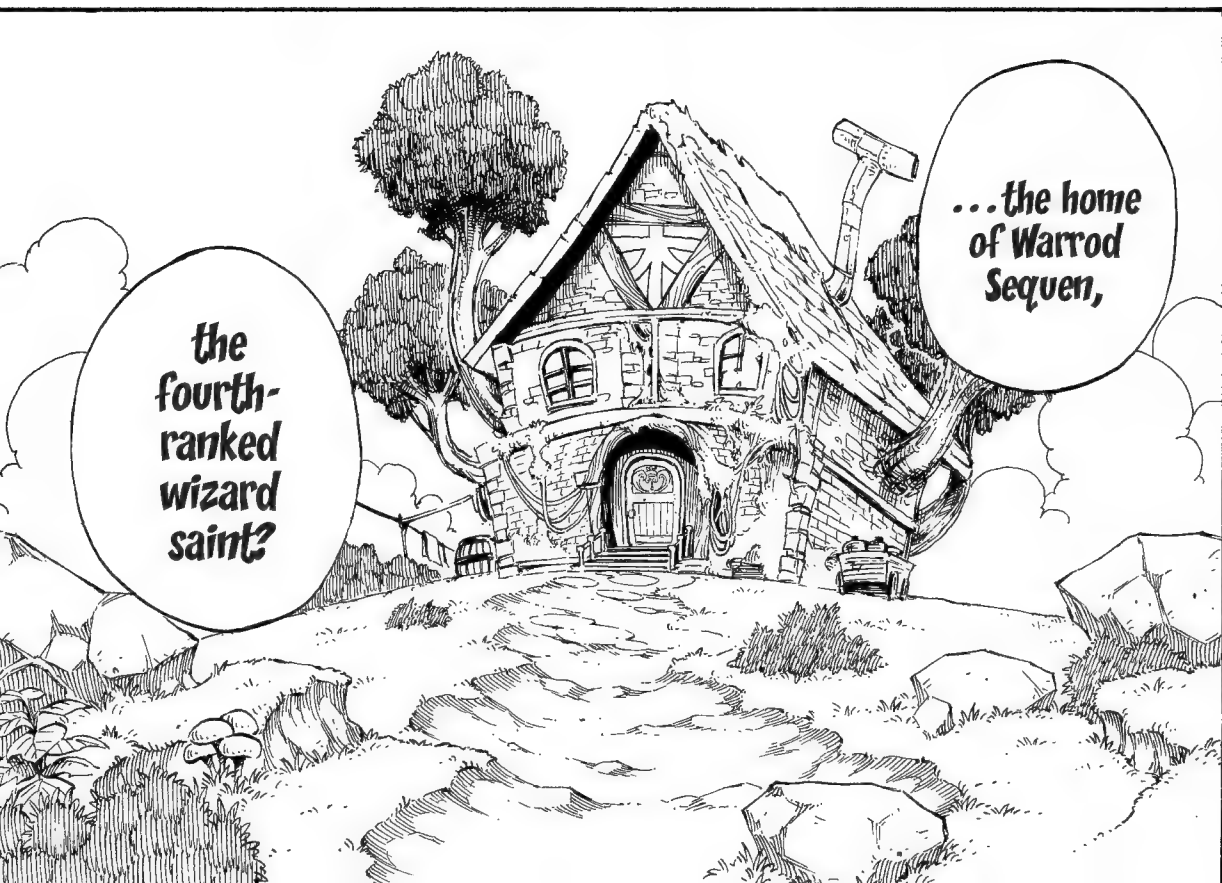


But why would a person like that...

An ancient name for the continent.

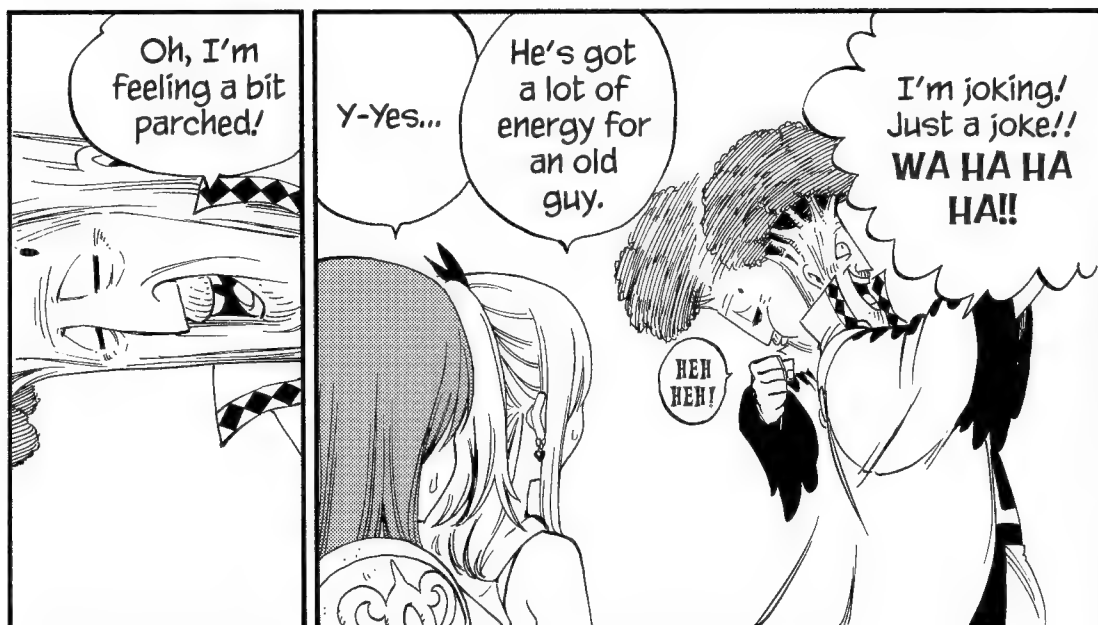
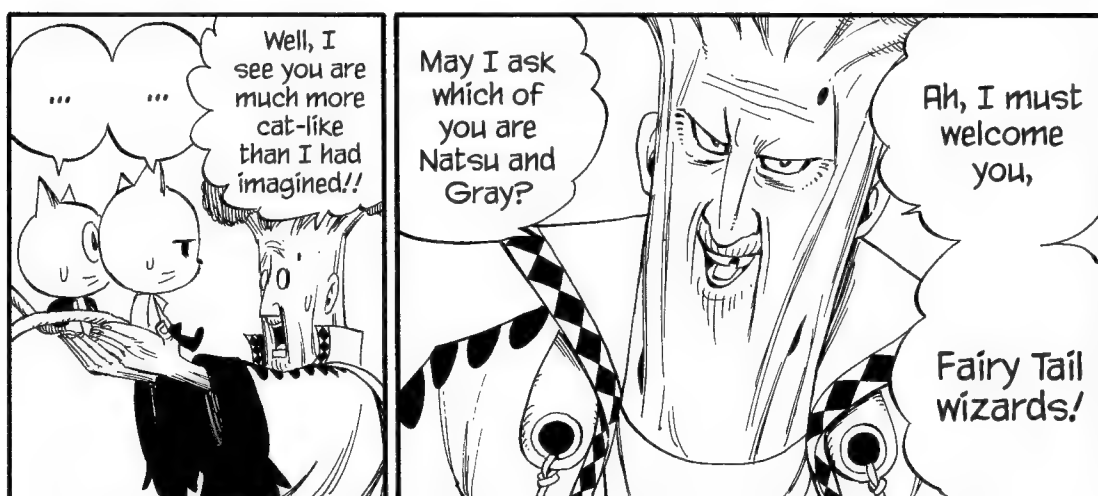
Ishgal?



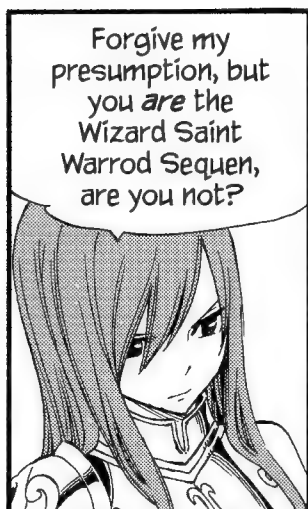










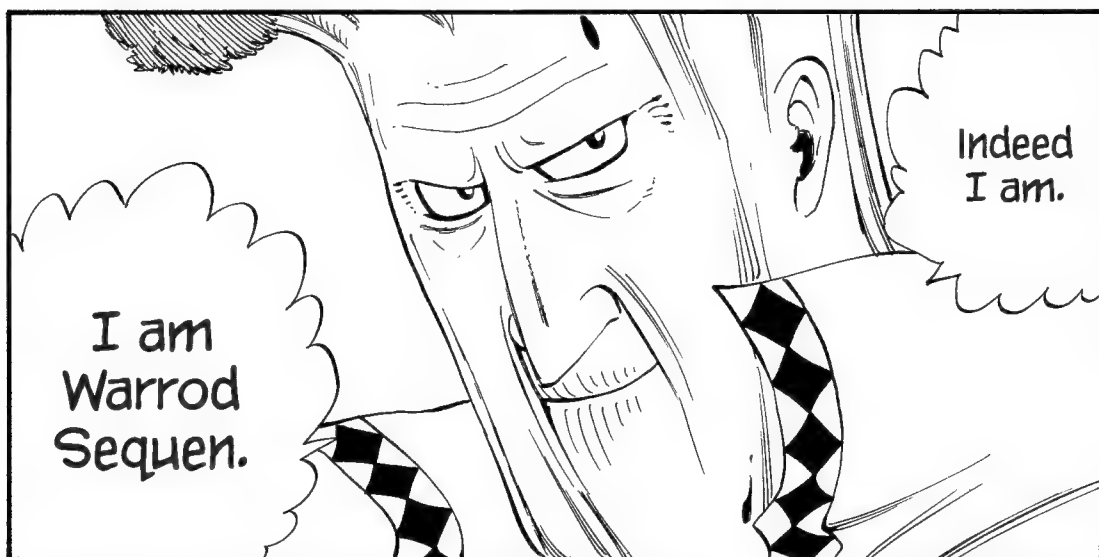


Forgive my presumption, but you *are* the Wizard Saint Warrod Sequen, are you not?



UMM...

AH HA HA  
HA HA!!



I am  
Warrod  
Sequen.

Indeed  
I am.



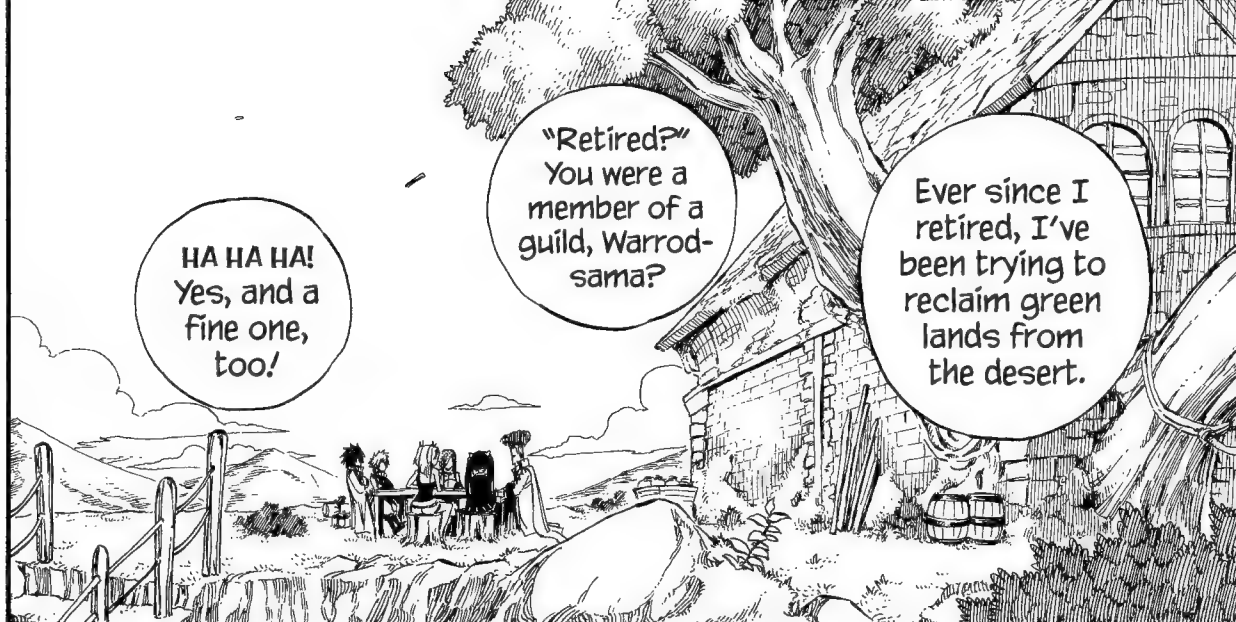
This old guy  
is wearing  
me out.

...Actually,  
*that* was  
the joke.



EHHHH  
?!!

I'm  
joking.



HA HA HA!  
Yes, and a  
fine one,  
too!

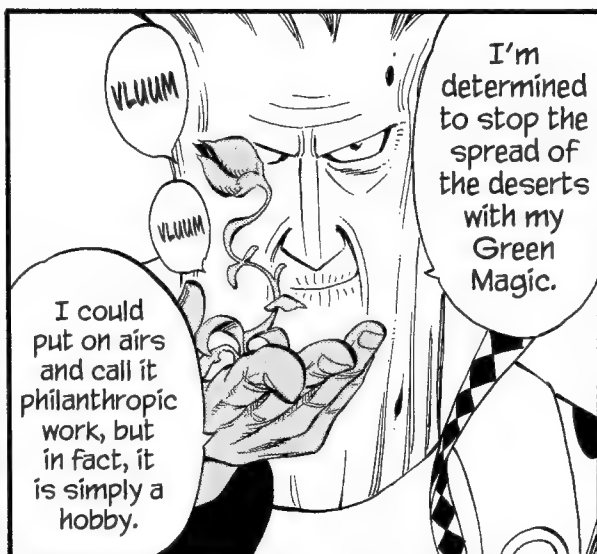
"Retired?"  
You were a  
member of a  
guild, Warrod-  
sama?

Ever since I  
retired, I've  
been trying to  
reclaim green  
lands from  
the desert.



and a little  
while ago,  
I happened  
upon a  
peculiar  
village.

Because of  
that, I've been  
traveling many  
deserts over  
the years,

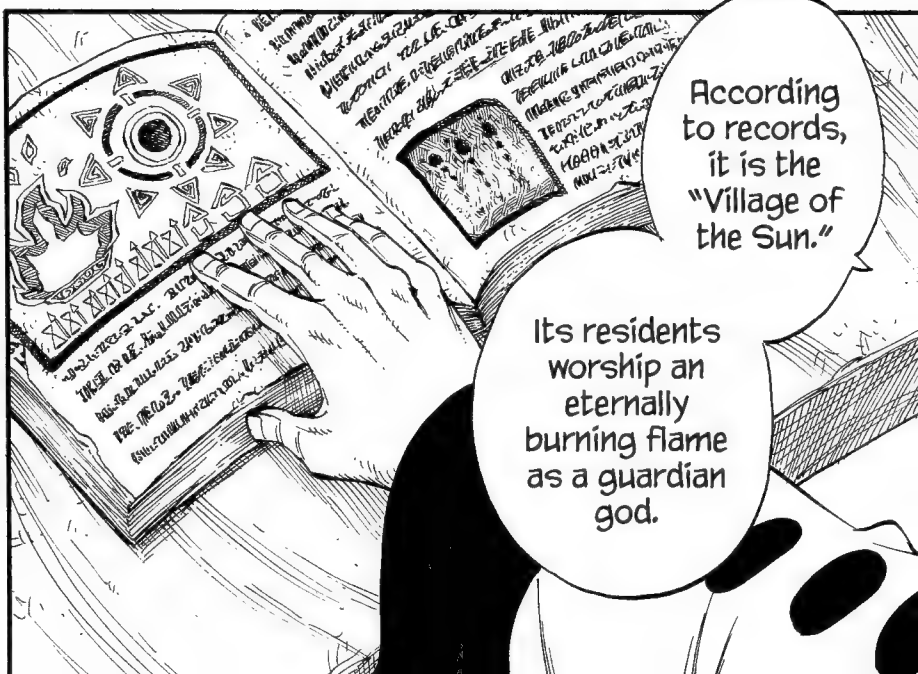


I'm  
determined  
to stop the  
spread of  
the deserts  
with my  
Green  
Magic.

I could  
put on airs  
and call it  
philanthropic  
work, but  
in fact, it  
is simply a  
hobby.



An  
eternally  
burning  
flame?



According  
to records,  
it is the  
"Village of  
the Sun."

Its residents  
worship an  
eternally  
burning flame  
as a guardian  
god.



I do not know if the disaster is natural or man-made ...



?!



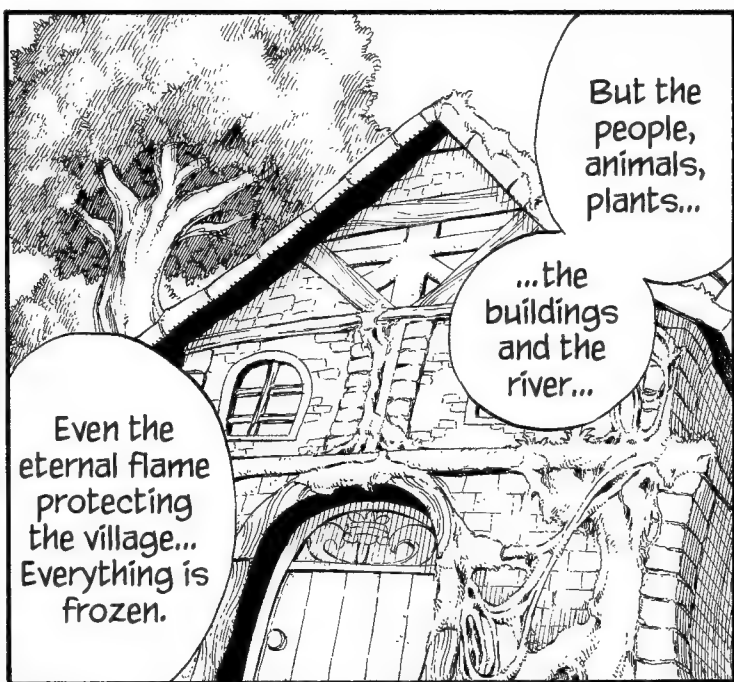
Yes...

However, the village is frozen over.



A flame, frozen?!

How could ...?



But the people, animals, plants...

...the buildings and the river...

Even the eternal flame protecting the village... Everything is frozen.



What does that mean?

Frozen in ice, but still alive...?



I do not know what happened in that village ...

...but the frozen people are still alive.



That is  
my job  
request.

Living beings  
are frozen  
there.

I cannot  
simply leave  
them be. I ask  
that you save  
that village.



Well...  
It was no  
ordinary  
ice.

If that's it,  
then you  
don't need  
me.

I am sure  
your team  
will need your  
abilities as  
well.

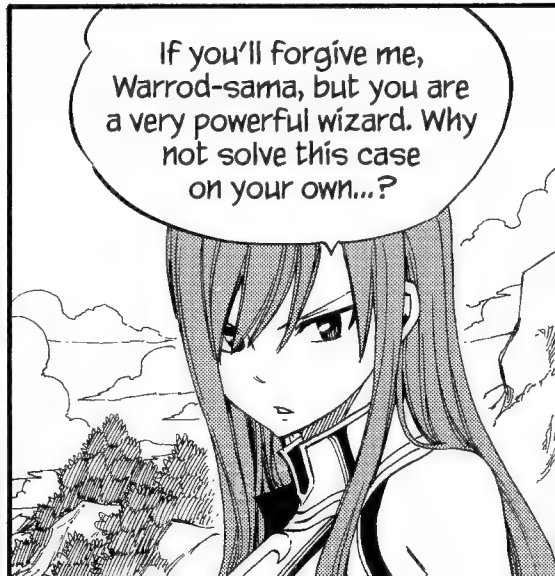


That makes  
sense. Sure!  
It'll be easy  
!!!

I'll  
just melt  
the whole  
place with  
my fire!!!!



I think  
perhaps you  
all have a  
mistaken  
impression.



If you'll forgive me,  
Warrod-sama, but you are  
a very powerful wizard. Why  
not solve this case  
on your own...?





On the continent of Ishgal alone, I am surpassed by innumerable wizards, and if we leave Ishgal, then I am really quite small in the scheme of things.

We're called the ten wizard saints, but we are not all-powerful. We were assigned the position by the Council without us having a say in the matter.



All have their strengths and weaknesses. Don't we have comrades to supplement our weaknesses with their strengths? Is that not what a guild is for?



Perhaps, but...

In fact, I know very little in the ways of attack magic.

I sincerely doubt I could defeat any young wizards in a battle.





Please  
leave it to  
us!!

Right!!

Consider  
this job  
taken!!

Just so.  
Wise words,  
indeed.

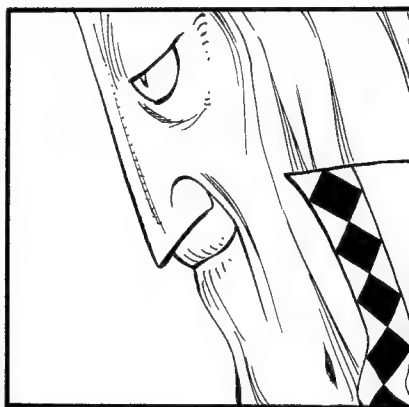


Just gather  
yourselves  
here.

Do not  
forget your  
luggage.

Well, at  
least I  
can help  
transport  
you.

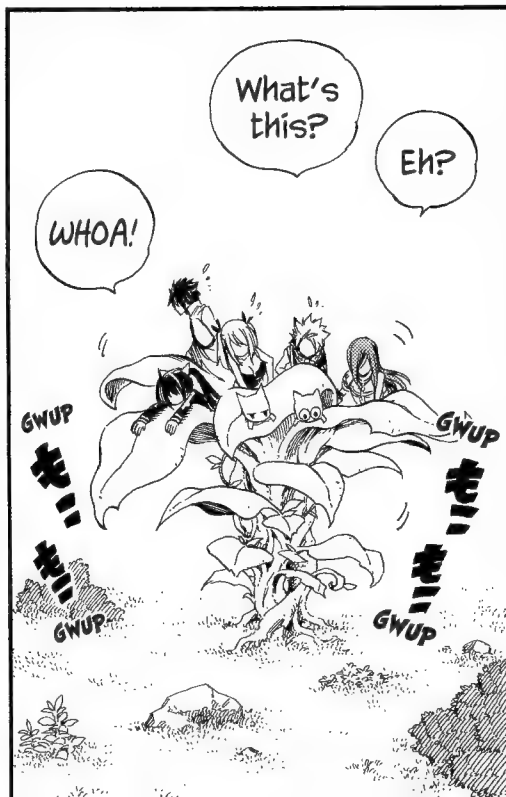
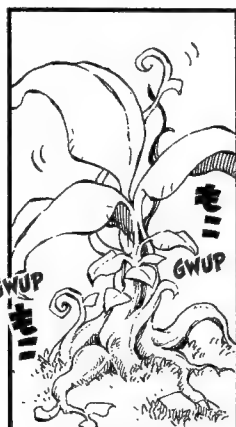
UMPH!



It is  
perhaps  
1,200  
miles to  
the south.

So where  
is this  
village?

Quite  
a dis-  
tance.





YAHOOO!!!!

The tree  
moves like  
a living  
creature...

Amazing!

WOW!

You're  
about to  
fall off.

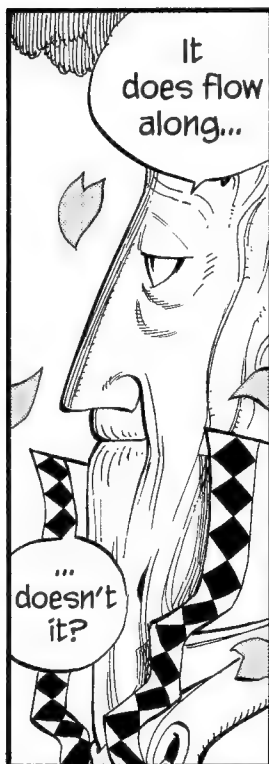
It's like  
we're on a  
ride!

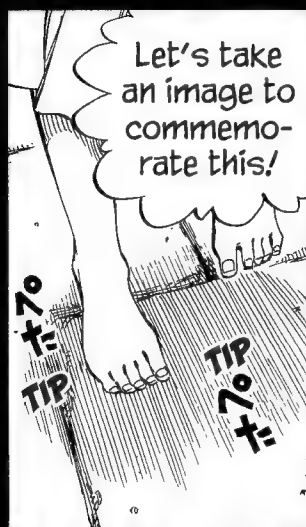
Yaay!

WIGGY









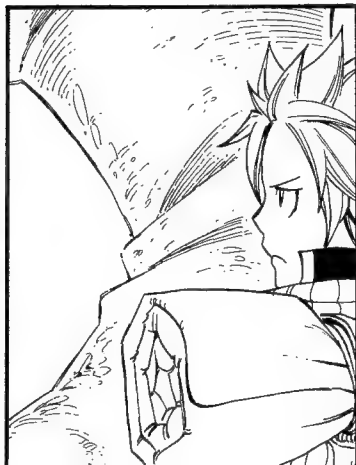
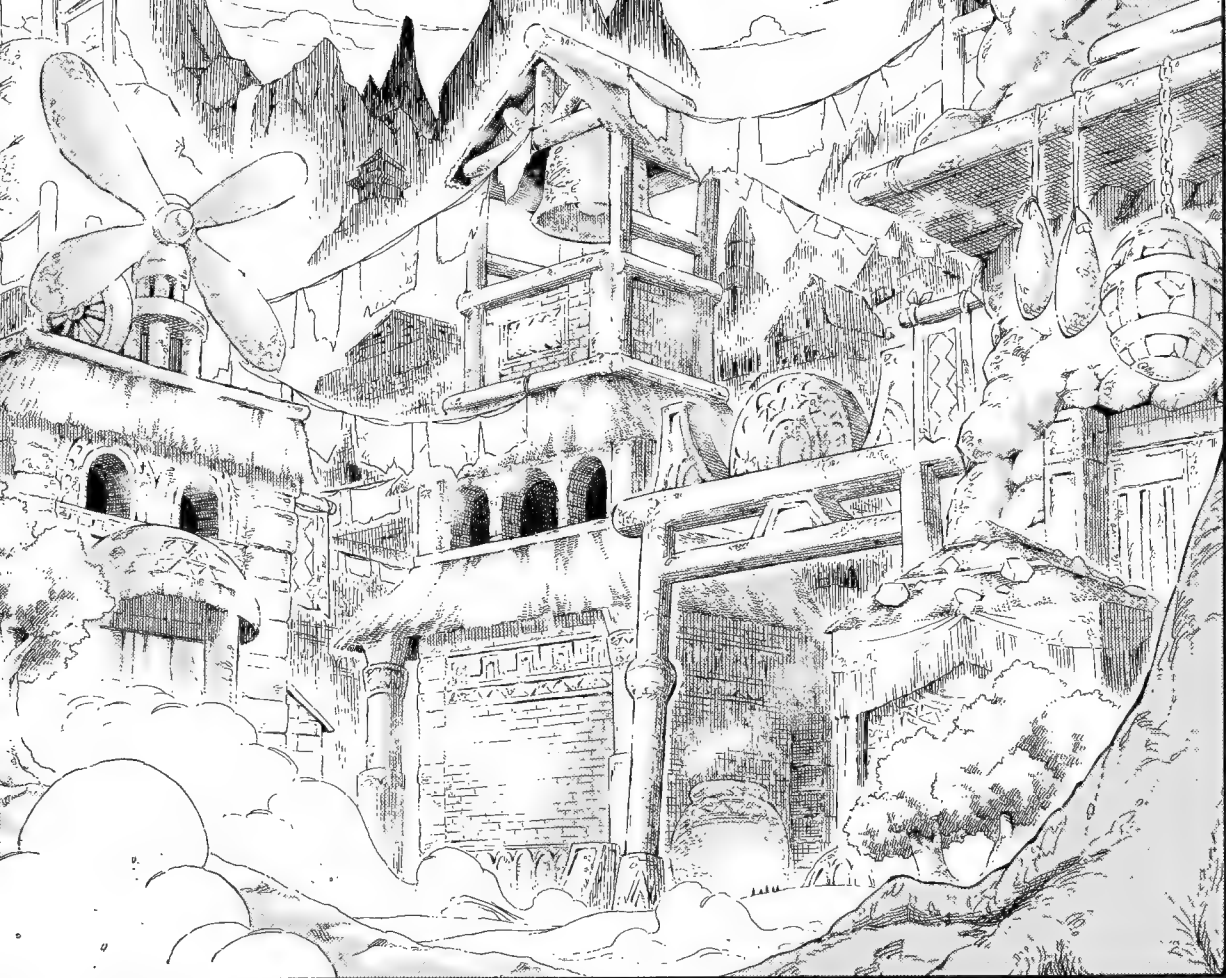




**343:**  
**Treasure**  
**Hunters**

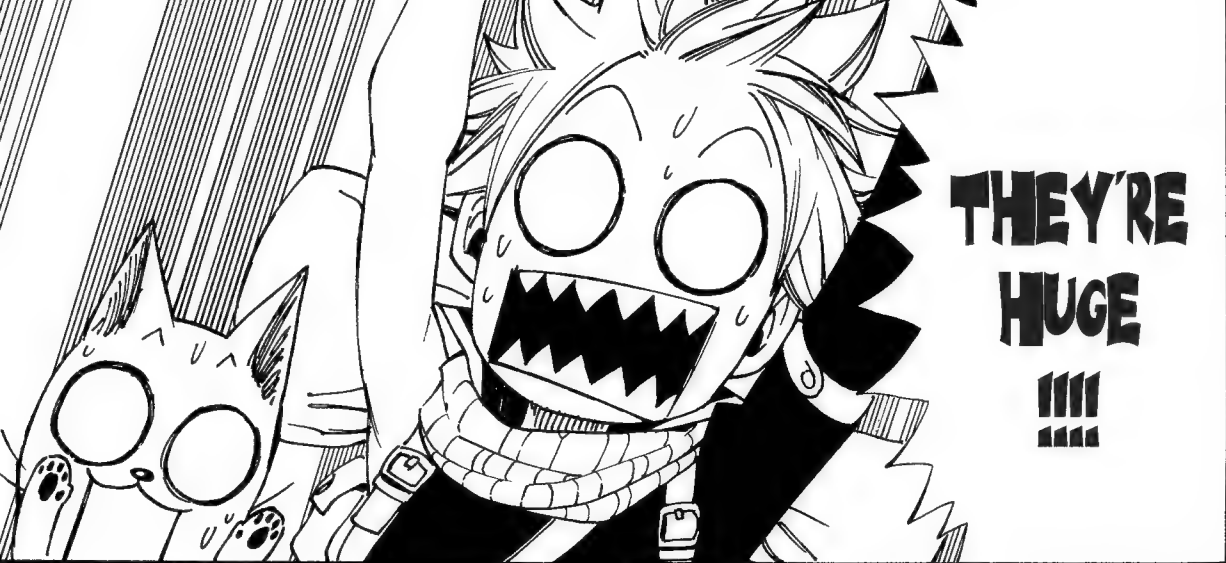






BOOOM





THEY'RE  
HUGE  
!!!!



HUGE  
!!!!



HUGE  
!!!!



HUGE  
!!!!



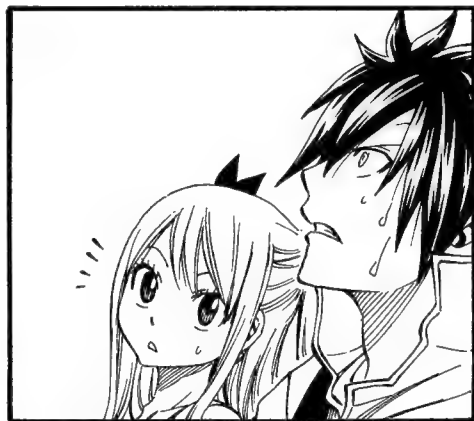
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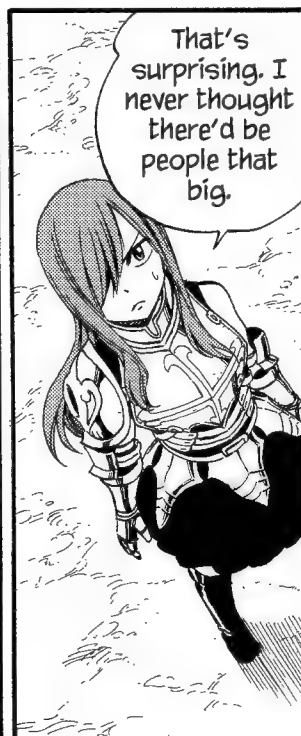
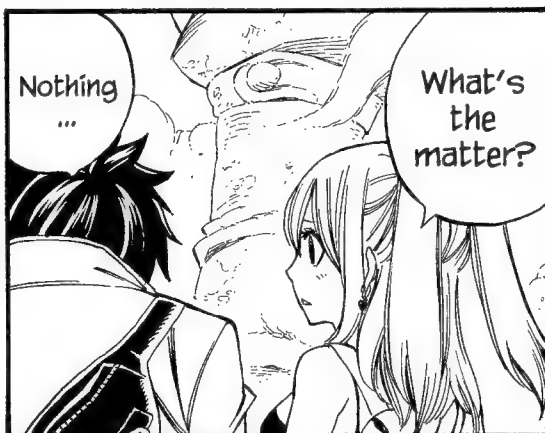


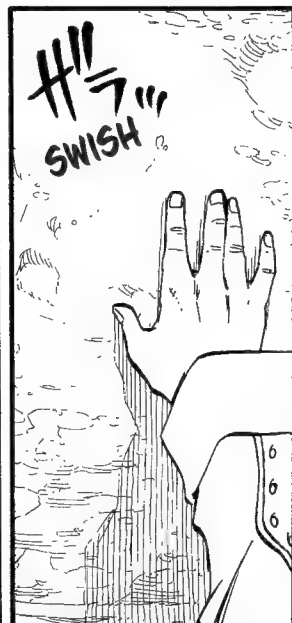
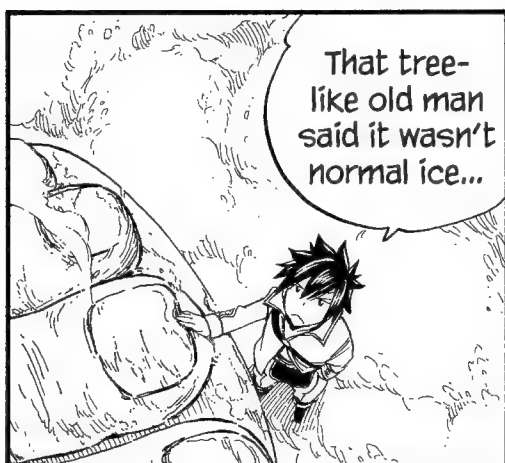
HUGE  
!!!!





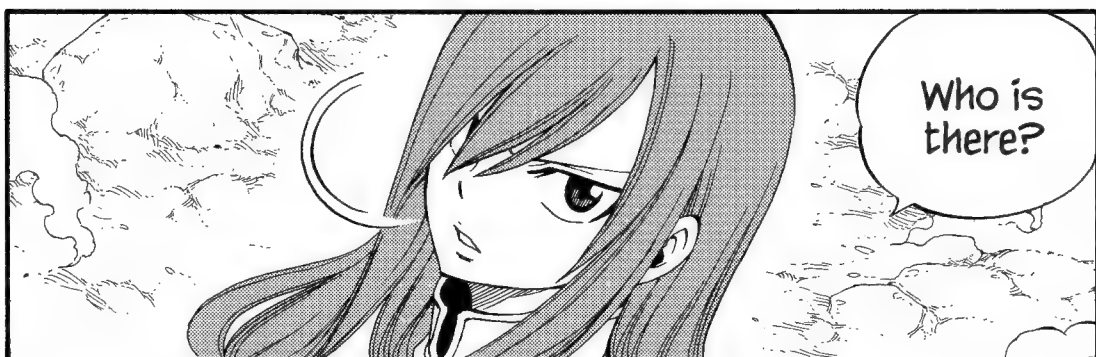




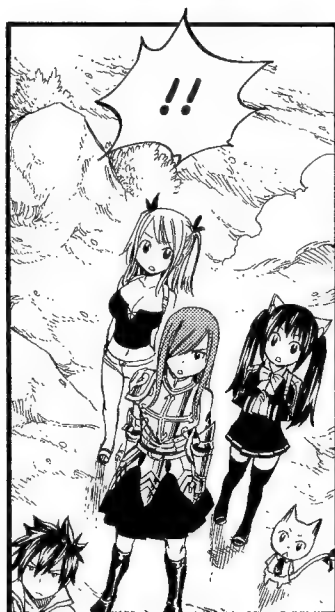




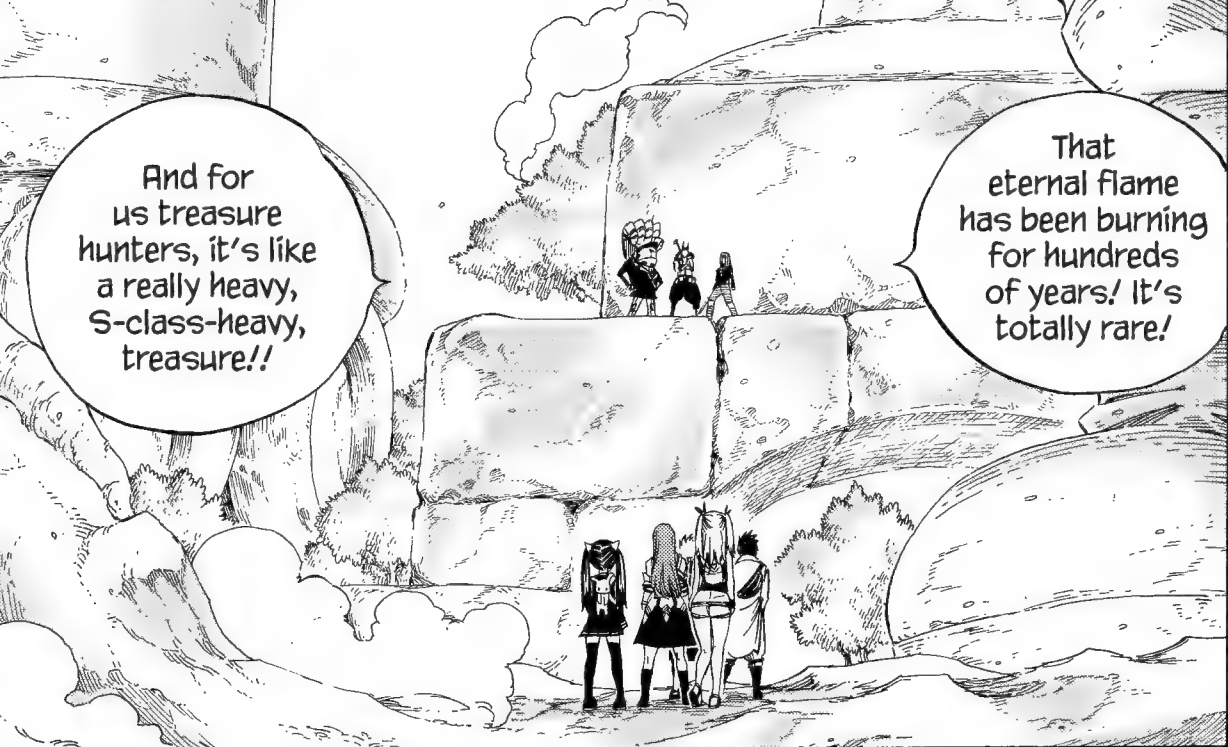






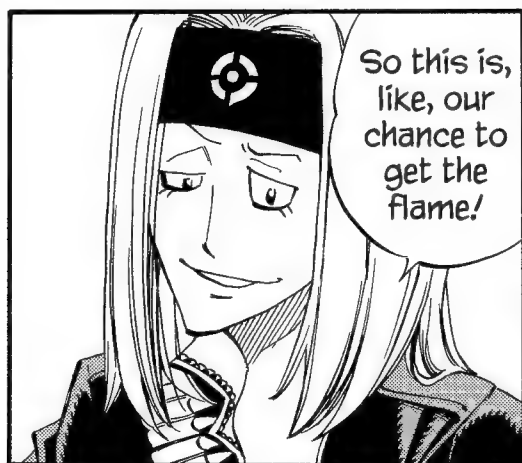






And for us treasure hunters, it's like a really heavy, S-class-heavy, treasure!!

That eternal flame has been burning for hundreds of years! It's totally rare!



So this is, like, our chance to get the flame!



Then, for who knows what reason, the giants went and **DUUN** froze all up, right?

But... we ain't been able to even get near it because of those giants guarding the thing!



...



If you just go in and steal it, you'd be no better than common thieves!

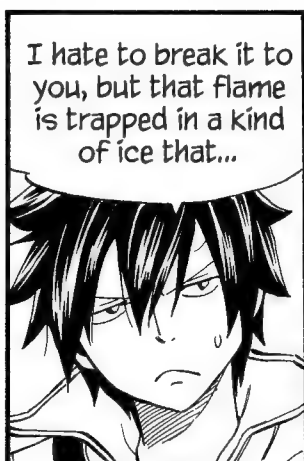
But... that flame is the guardian god for the village. I hear it's very important to them.



**DUUN!  
DUUN!**

So if somebody  
lets their stuff get  
taken, it's, like, so  
heavily their own  
fault!!!!

Treasure hunters  
are supposed to  
get their hands on  
treasure!!!!



I hate to break it to  
you, but that flame  
is trapped in a kind  
of ice that...



**DUUN!**

**Right!!  
Let's  
go!!!**

We can't stick  
around for this!!  
Let's just claim the  
treasure before they  
can get in our way!!

"Claim"  
...?

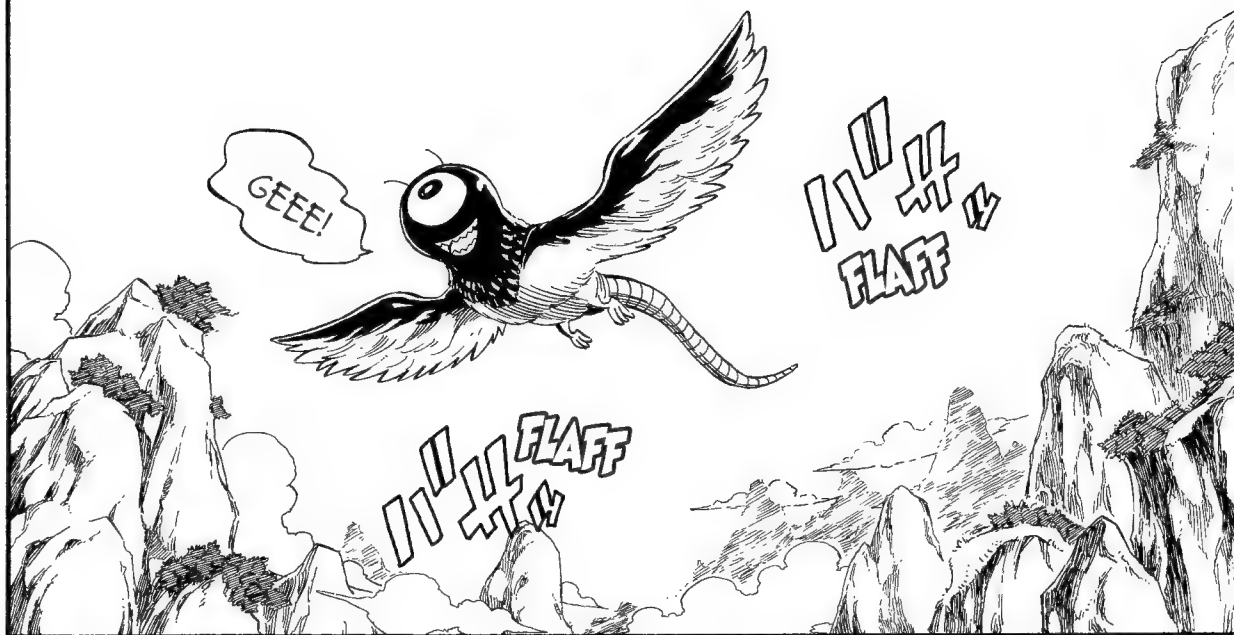
**VOOOOM!!**



We got this  
heavy secret  
potion, "**Moon  
Drip,**" and  
it's heavy into  
melting all  
sorts of ice!!

Treasure  
hunters are  
heavy with the  
treasure-getting  
skills!!









Oh?

You know that guild?



Fairy Tail...



It does not matter.

I never imagined I could get my revenge so quickly.



I know nothing of the outside world.

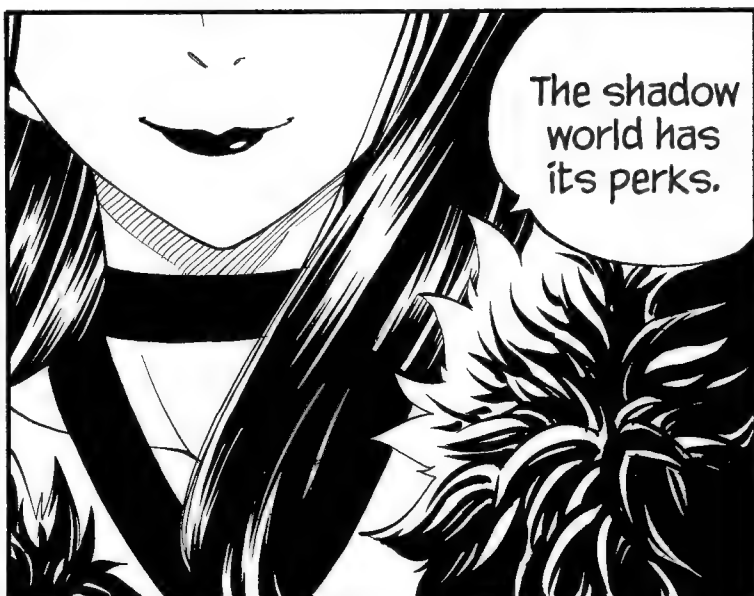


You must be terribly ignorant to live in the world and not know of Fairy Tail.




"New girl"?

I don't care about that. This is a job. Let's go, new girl.



The shadow world has its perks.



You are  
to call me,  
"Princess."



**DARK GUILD**  
**SUCCUBUS EYE**  
**MINERVA ORLAND**

# FAIRY TAIL

## Chapter 344: Wizards Vs. Hunters



### SABER TOOTH

Name: **Sting Eucliffe** Age: **19 yrs.**

Magic: **Dragon Slayer Magic**

Likes: **Lecter, Natsu-san** Dislikes: **The old guild**



### Remarks

A member of the strongest guild, Sabertooth. He teamed up with Rogue, and since both are dragon slayer wizards, they have become famous as the Twin Dragons. A long time ago, he was raised by the White Dragon, Weisslogia, who taught him dragon slayer magic. His goal was to defeat Natsu, and that feeling has led to his looking up to Natsu. After the Grand Magic Games, he became the leader of the Sabertooth guild.



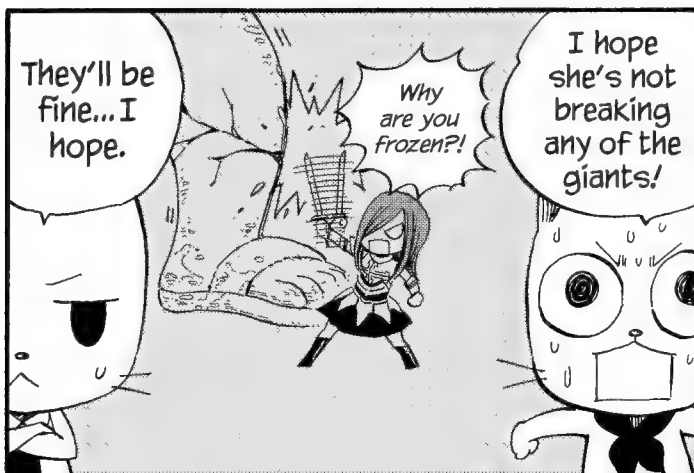
We can  
rescue those  
giants with  
that "drip"  
that you  
got!!!

Stop  
right  
there  
!!!!

Besides, it's  
**DUUN** scary  
to bring those  
giants back to  
life!!!

We had to go to  
this island that  
was heavy with all  
these demons, and  
to look so heavily  
hard!!!

Don't even joke  
about that!! You  
have no idea how  
hard it was to  
get our hands on  
Moon Drip!!



They'll be  
fine... I  
hope.

Why  
are you  
frozen?!

I hope  
she's not  
breaking  
any of the  
giants!



She stayed in  
the village to  
look for more  
clues there.

Huh?  
Come to think  
of it, where's  
Erza?







We will take  
out anybody  
who gets in  
our way!

Treasure  
hunting is  
dangerous  
business!  
**DUUN!**

**GRAB  
THE**

If we let some  
stupid wizards  
treat us like crap,  
then it's heavily  
all over for  
us!!



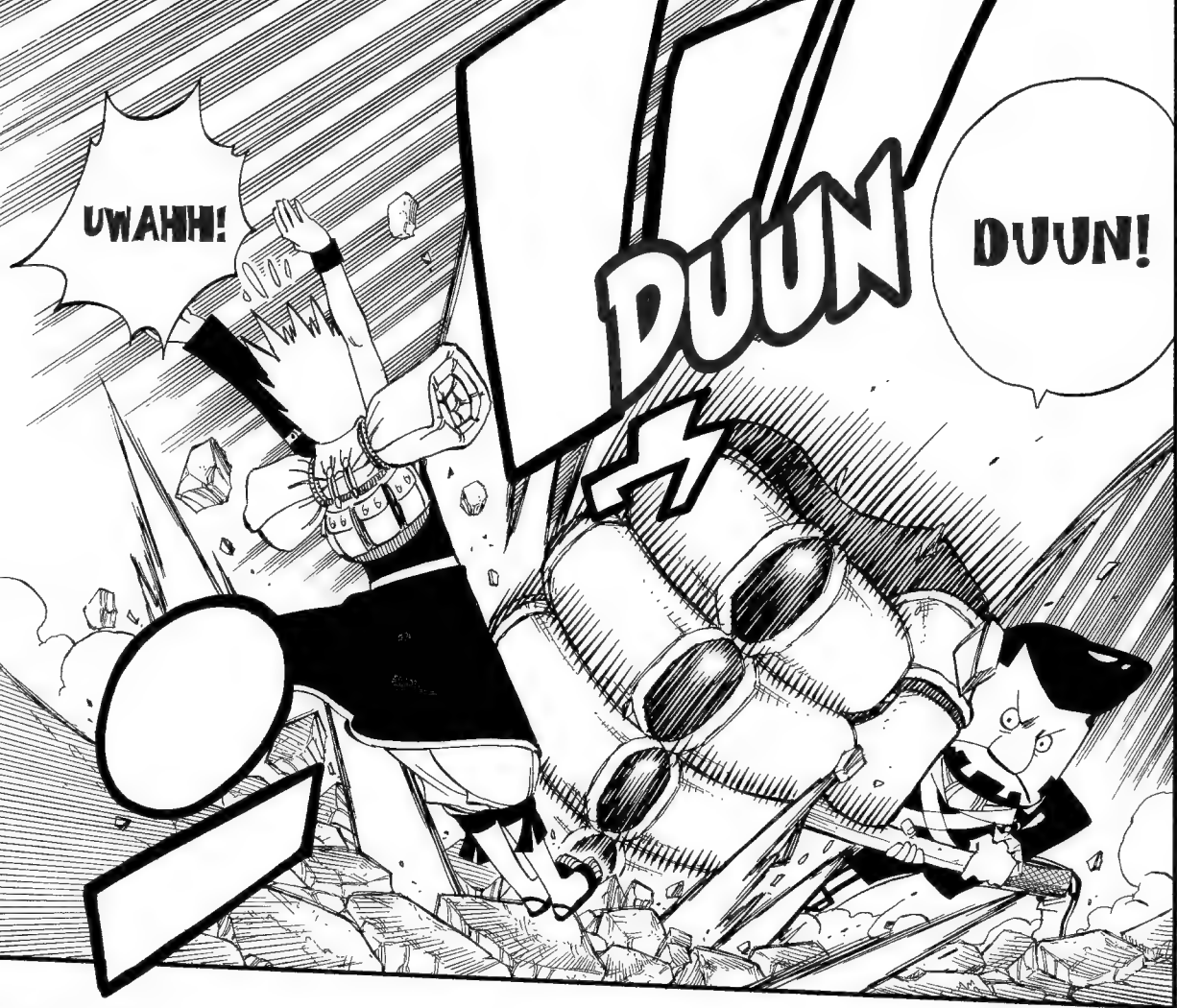
If you wanna  
fight, then  
we're game!  
We'll crush  
you!

**WHOOOSH**

We're  
*all* in a  
dangerous  
business!



I'm all  
fired  
up!!!!





\*Fire Dragon's Iron Fist







Ice  
Make...



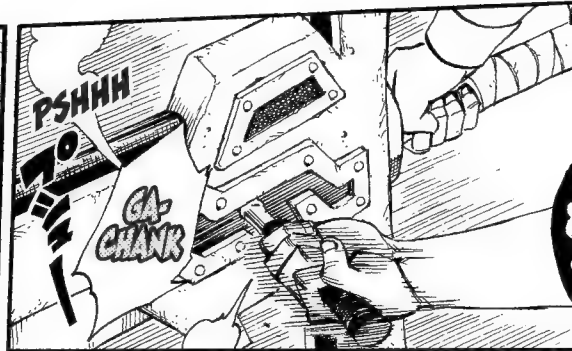
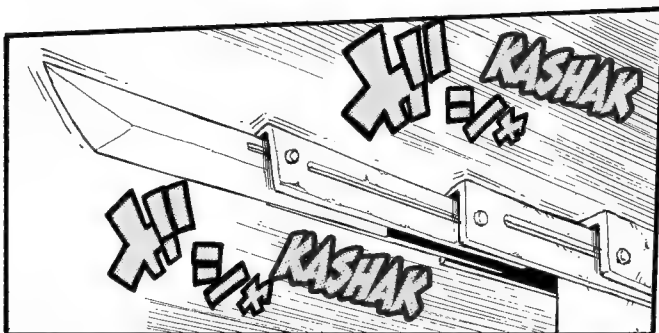
Natsu-  
san!!

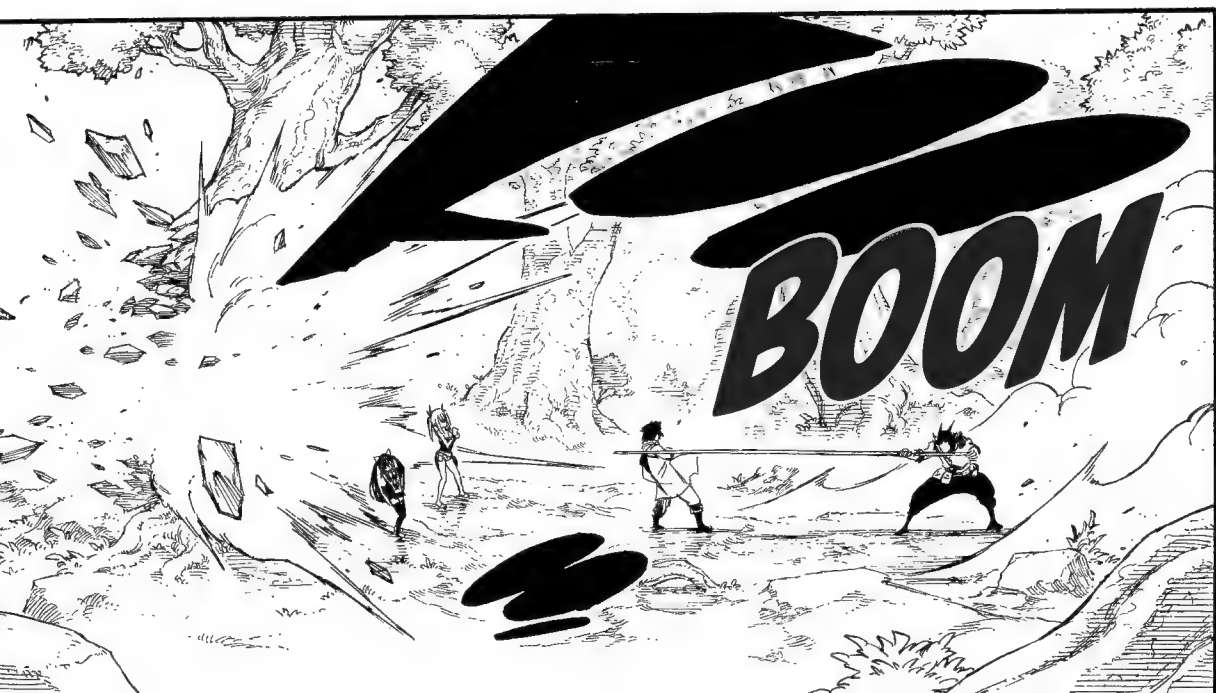


I'm  
gonna  
cut you  
heavy!!!!



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LABYRINTH  
SWORD HIROSHI







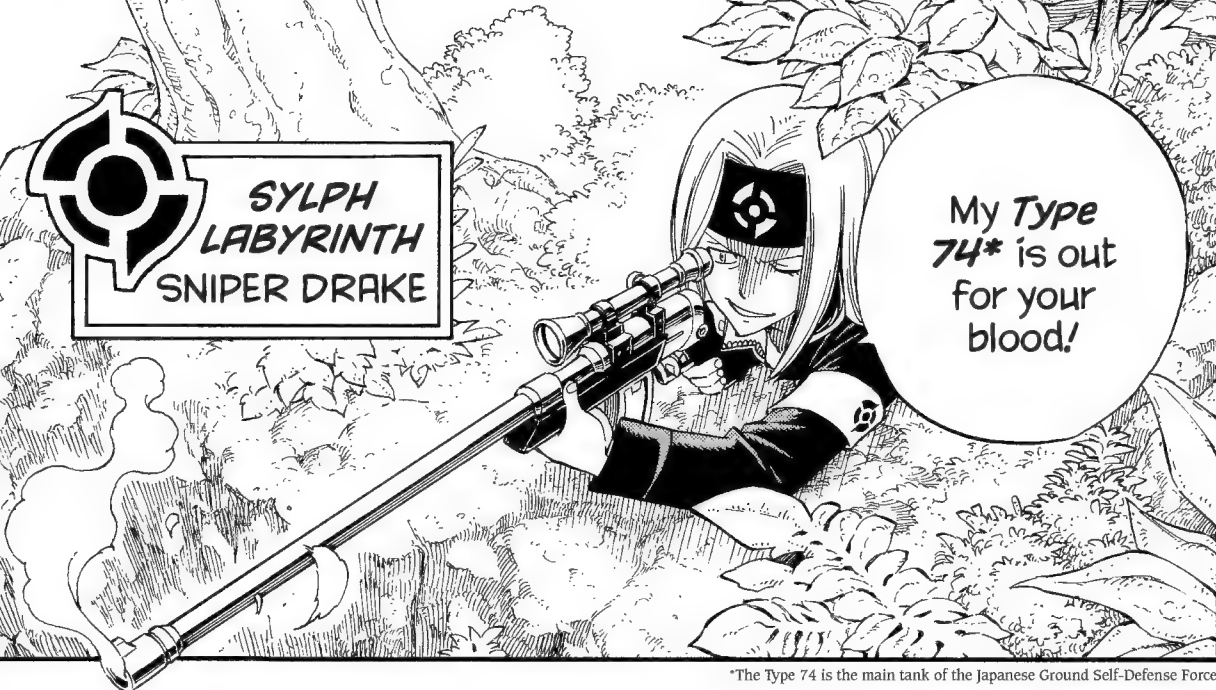
Watch out!!!





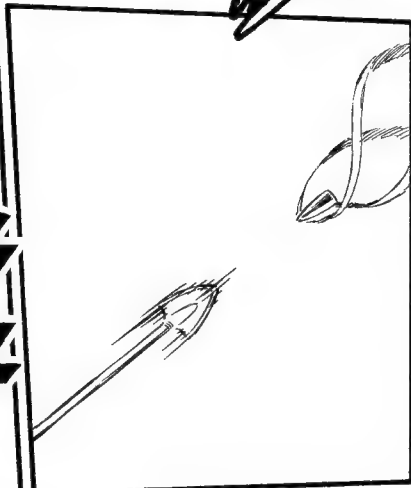


**SYLPH  
LABYRINTH  
SNIPER DRAKE**



\*The Type 74 is the main tank of the Japanese Ground Self-Defense Force.

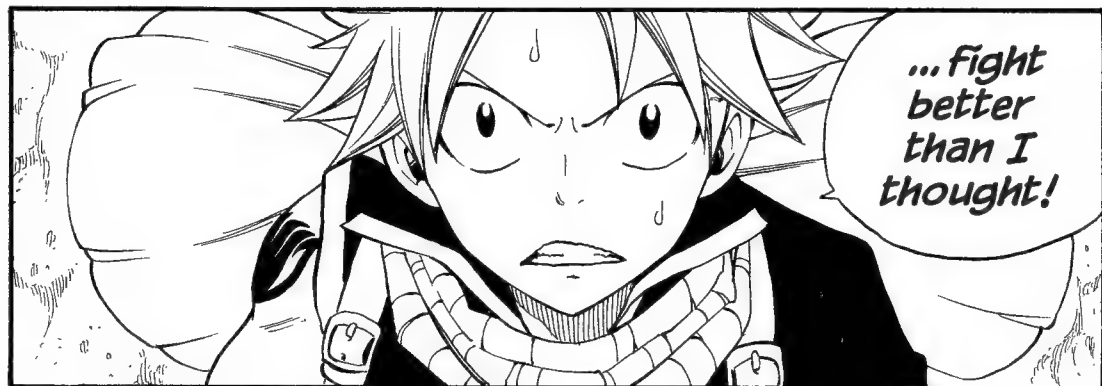
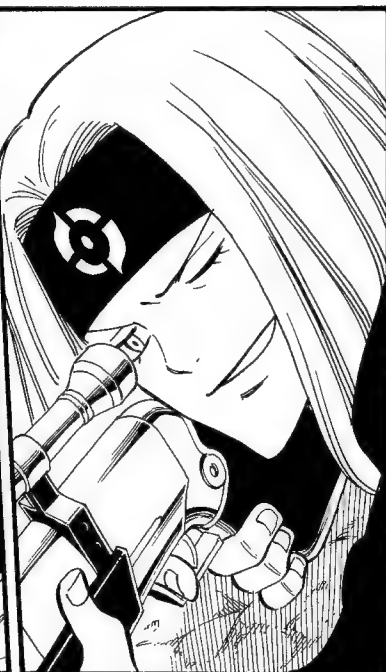


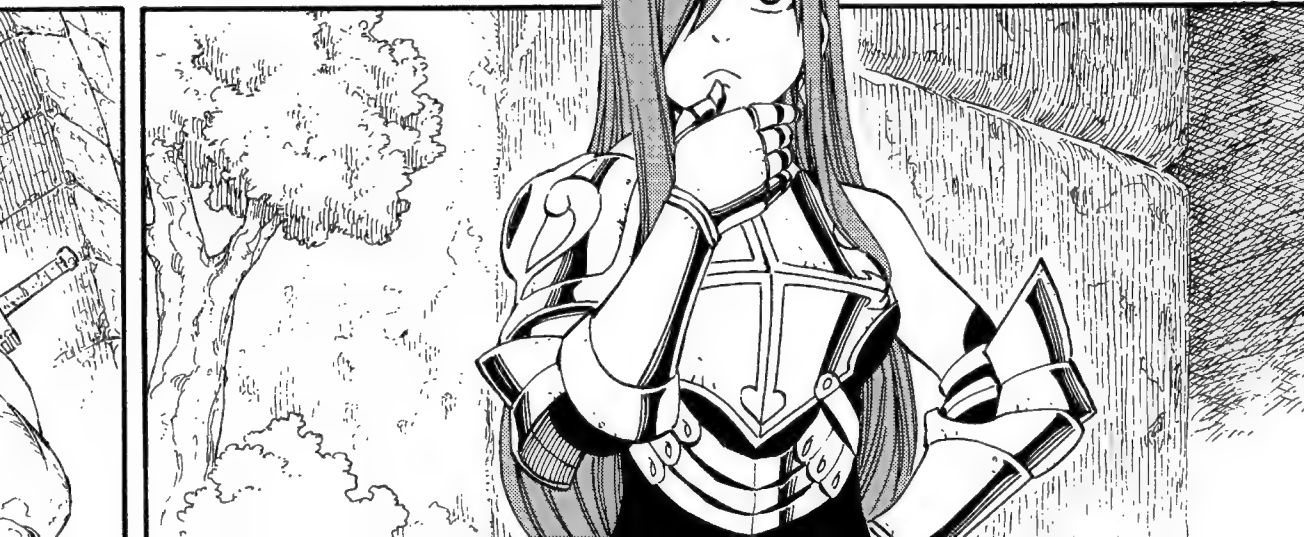


He shot the arrow?

You're kidding...



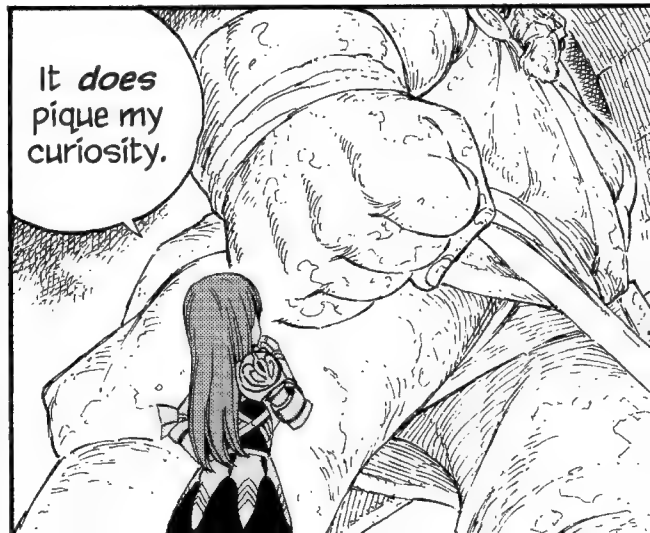




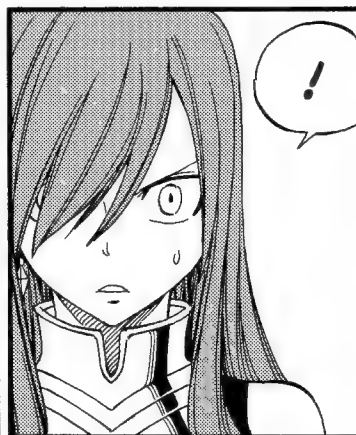
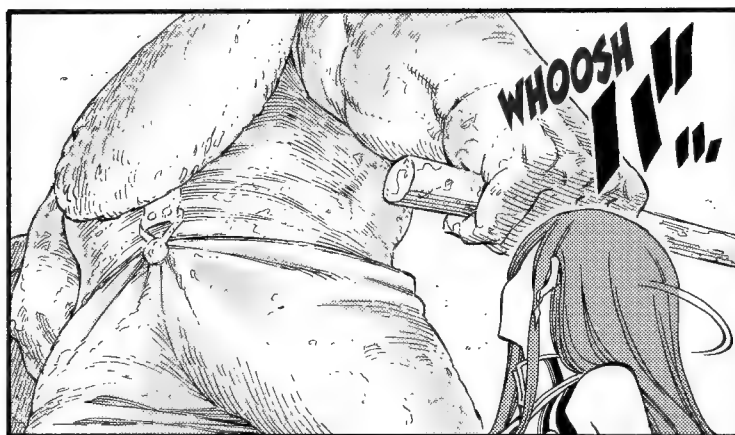




They all face  
the same  
direction...  
All bearing  
weapons.



It *does*  
pique my  
curiosity.





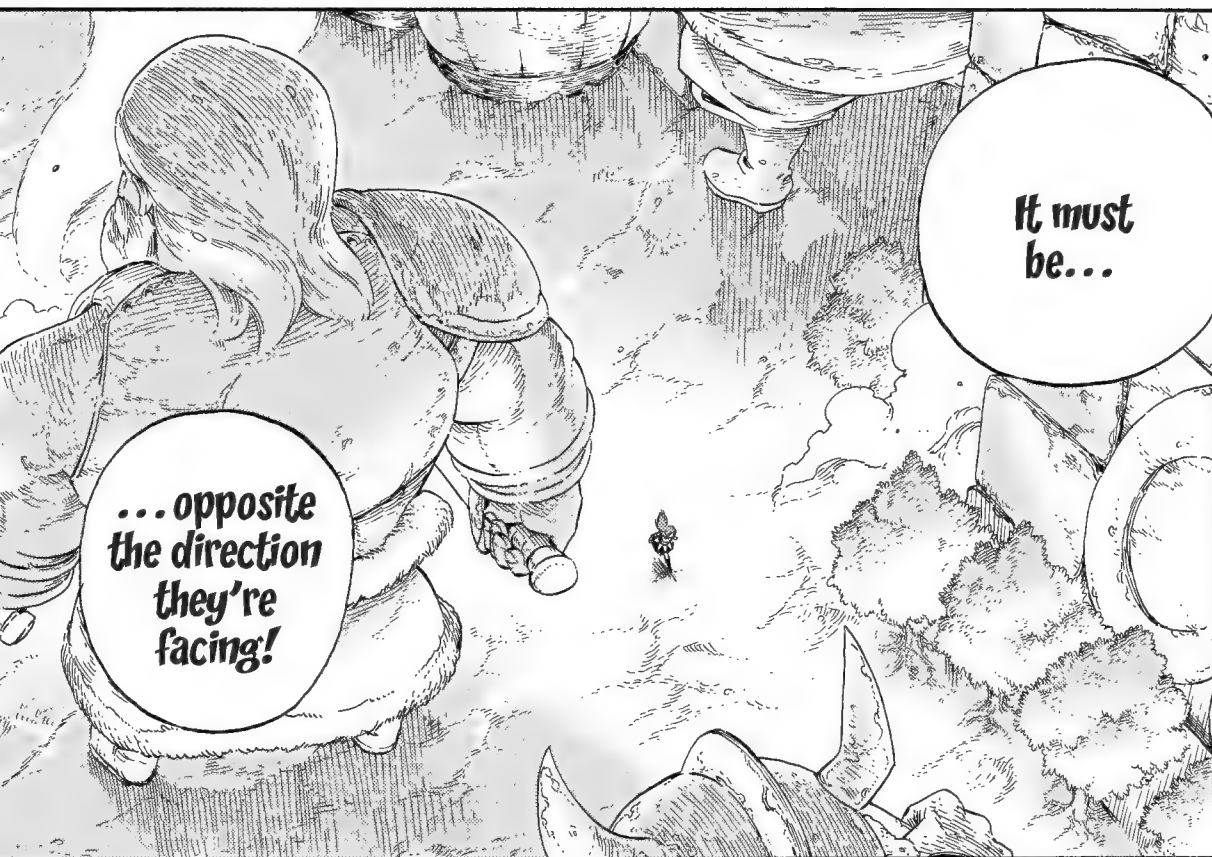
In other words...

If they worshipped the eternal flame as a guardian deity...

...then they must have been protecting it from some outside enemy.

TWIRL

"Even the eternal flame protecting the village... Everything is frozen."



...opposite the direction they're facing!

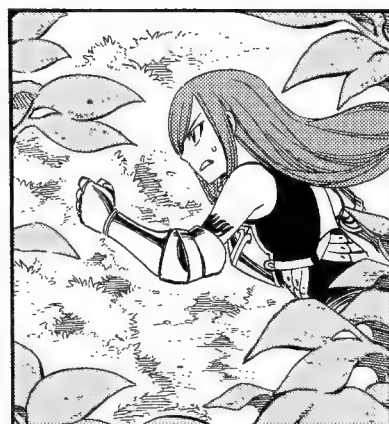
It must be...



Then perhaps at its peak...

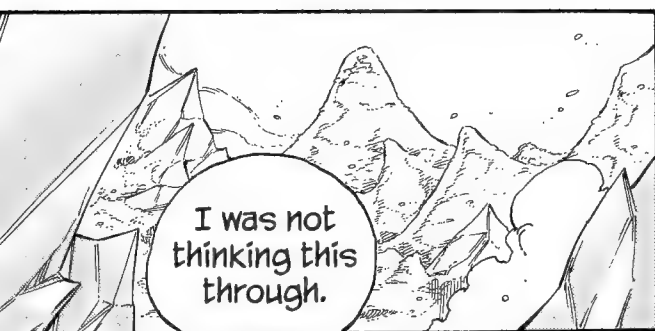


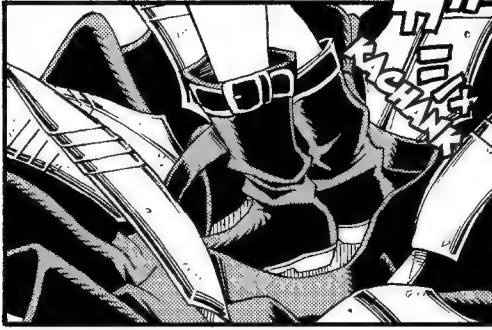
A mountain?!











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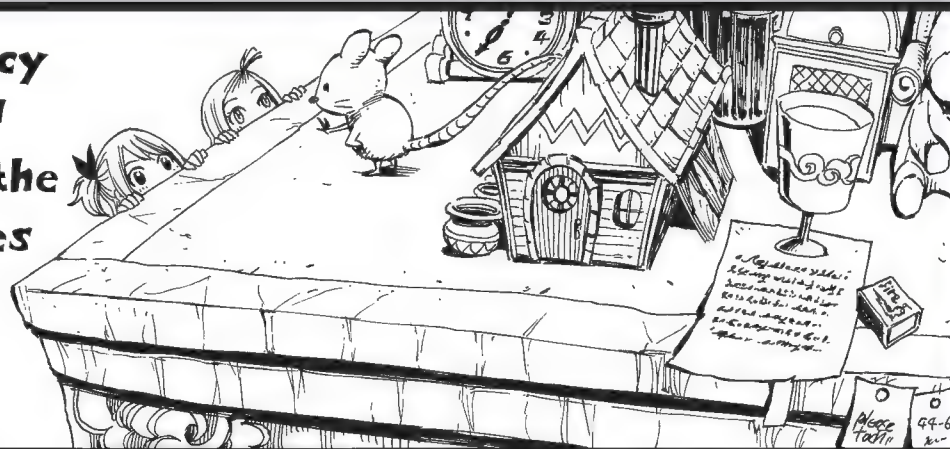
## Afterword

The Grand Magic Games arc is over! And it was long! So long! I wonder how many characters made an appearance? I counted up to eighty, but afterwards, I just stopped counting. I'd like to explain it a little if you don't mind.

When we were planning chapter 337, "The Golden Grasslands," there was a disagreement. It was between "hard to understand" and "the feeling you get when something is hard to understand." In other words, it isn't an easy chapter to figure out. Normally a rule for shonen manga is that it should be easy to understand. And I'm always keeping that rule in mind when I make my stories. For just about every chapter, I'm always trying to twist ideas around in my mind to find ways to make difficult concepts easier to get. So what it came down to is the decision to make chapter 337 a "difficult to understand" chapter. Of the two opinions I mentioned above, we chose the latter. Well, we've been at this a long time, so it's not a bad idea to mix things up with a little of this kind of thing. So we're back to normal time, and where was that place that Future Lucy went to? I have an answer, but I've decided not to talk about it. Pick your own answer, and that'll be the correct one. Also chapters 338-343, six chapters, were all done in the magazine over the course of only two weeks. Now that was an undertaking, but the reaction was big and overwhelmingly positive, so I was really happy with that. If I get the chance, I'd like to do some more fun, special projects like that! By the way, in 338, there were Numbermen! (people who are numbered 1 – 8) hidden in there. Did you find them all?



# Emergency Request! Explain the mysteries of F.T.



## Somewhere in Magnolia...

**Lucy:** Hi, everybody!

**Mira:** When our corner was missing from the last volume, I thought it was all over for us!

**Lucy:** Didn't we have a conversation like this before?

**Mira:** Here's the first question of the column!

*After seeing Makarov's and Ivan's HAIR I fear for Laxus's future.*



**Lucy:** Awww...

**Lucy:** I think he should just accept it as lost.

**Lucy:** Hey! That's awful!

**Mira:** I don't see much help for it.

**Lucy:** But isn't this something you really can't predict?

**Mira:** I suppose. Come to think of it, there's me and Lisanna and Elfman. None of our hair matches the others.

**Lucy:** I get the feeling that your case is a little different from this, though.

**Mira:** Now the next question.

*Is there a key that calls the king of the Celestial Spirits?*



**Lucy:** Oh, yeah!! I want to know!!

**Mira:** Even if there is, we can't talk about it here.

**Lucy:** Huh? Why is that?

**Lucy:** Heh heh heh... Actually, I own it.

**Lucy:** Whaaa...?!!

**Mira:** I'm kidding, of course. What did you expect?

**Lucy:** Can we stop with the disjointed lies, please?

Continued on the right-hand page.

Continued from the left-hand page.

**Mira:** Such a thing may come up in the future, so look forward to hearing about it!

**Lucy:** And I'm going to get that key!! Count on it!

**Mira:** I'll never give it to you.

**Lucy:** But you *just* said that you didn't have it!

**Mira:** Next question!

*I was really moved by that one minute that Ultair made. But wouldn't Future Rogue and the dragons have seen what happens in the minute too?*



**Lucy:** I was running for my life at the time, so I didn't even notice it.

**Mira:** Okay, this wasn't explained well enough in the course of the story, but Future Rogue and the dragons had all passed through time into a different era, right?

**Lucy:** Yes, that's right.

**Mira:** And since they're people for whom time is already a bit warped, they didn't even feel the extra minute that Ultair had created.

**Lucy:** So it was a minute that only people who were from our particular timeline could feel.

**Mira:** Yes. It's only a minute... But in that minute there were a lot of lives that got saved.

**Lucy:** I think...she was really heroic there.

**Mira:** And now the last question for this column.

*Was that scene where Lucy got nude really necessary?*



**Lucy:** It certainly was *not* necessary!!

**Lucy:** Still, I predicted it in Volume 37, and it turned out just like I said!

**Lucy:** Come on!! It's because you say those stupid things that the author is then forced to draw the darned thing!

*"Those stupid things" from Vol. 37, page 196.*

**Mira:** Yep! ♥ Actually, Lucy, Carla had a dream about you suddenly becoming nude in front of a huge number of people.

**Mira:** About that... Many of our readers may not know this, but the magazine installments (in Weekly Shonen Magazine) are published far in advance of the graphic novel volumes.

**Lucy:** I think I kinda knew that.

**Mira:** So when 37 was published, Lucy's nude scene had already appeared in the magazine. Or at least it had already been drawn.

**Lucy:** So it *wasn't* Carla's prediction after all!!



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# FAIRY TAIL GUILD d'ART

How cute! And they're both wearing animal ears!! It looks good on them!

Aichi Prefecture, Miran



Aichi Prefecture, Misaki Sugawara



▲ These two have a quiet popularity. They don't seem like executioners, huh?

Nara Prefecture, Kaito Okuda



▲ This one's cute! Happy, what do you think you're doing?!



Osaka, Ronuru

For a while, these three characters have made peace with their relationships. But what happens from here on out?



Aichi Prefecture, Ayumu Yamashita

Hey! What do you think you're wearing? Tai-tai!!

REJECTION CORNER

Kanagawa Prefecture, Kōta Takahashi



▲ Doing this much with stippling is really impressive! That is cool ink work!

Niigata Prefecture, Pikapon-chan



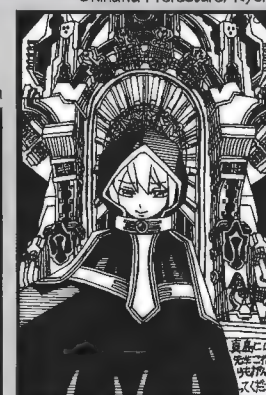
▲ Wendy with a little bit of sexiness is a good thing. The bunnies are cute too!

Chiba Prefecture, Kōki Itsukida



▲ This person did a great job representing the blacks and whites in the Hakuei-ryū (White Shadow Dragon).

Okirawa Prefecture, Ryōma



▲ That Eclipse Door is incredibly hard to draw, and he drew it... Gotta hand it to you.

Aichi Prefecture, Minoru Fukui



▲ Two of the main characters that influence an original story for the anime. Cobra and Kinana. Kind of nice, huh?

Hiroshima Prefecture, Taicni Kobayashi



▲ Whoa!! This one's cool!! It's hard to draw large eyes well!

Osaka, Queen



▲ Is Zeref finally a part of the story again? Keep your eyes open after this!

Mie Prefecture, Yūna Yamamoto



▲ Celestial Spirits Assemble!! It must have been a lot of work drawing all of those spirits!

Hokkaido, Hai-chan



▲ Ah ha ha ha! I really love this drawing! Gildarts's character really comes out in it!

Okayama Prefecture, Kagura-love



▲ Kagura is so popular!! Someday I want her to come back!

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# FAIRY TAIL 40



HIRO 真島ヒロ HIRASHIMA



FROM HIRO NASHIMA



This has become a really long series!  
But it's still going on.  
With this volume, the extremely  
long Grand Magic Games comes to  
an end, and we're already into a new  
story! I plan to introduce a lot of new  
characters too. Look for them!

# Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

## Page 23, Festival



All the elements on this page, except Plue and the cats, are commonly found in summertime festivals (*matsuri*) in Japan.

- All the cats are wearing the light cotton kimono called *yukata* while doing a dance around a pavilion at the center of the festival grounds that commonly hold the festival's organizers and the musical entertainment.

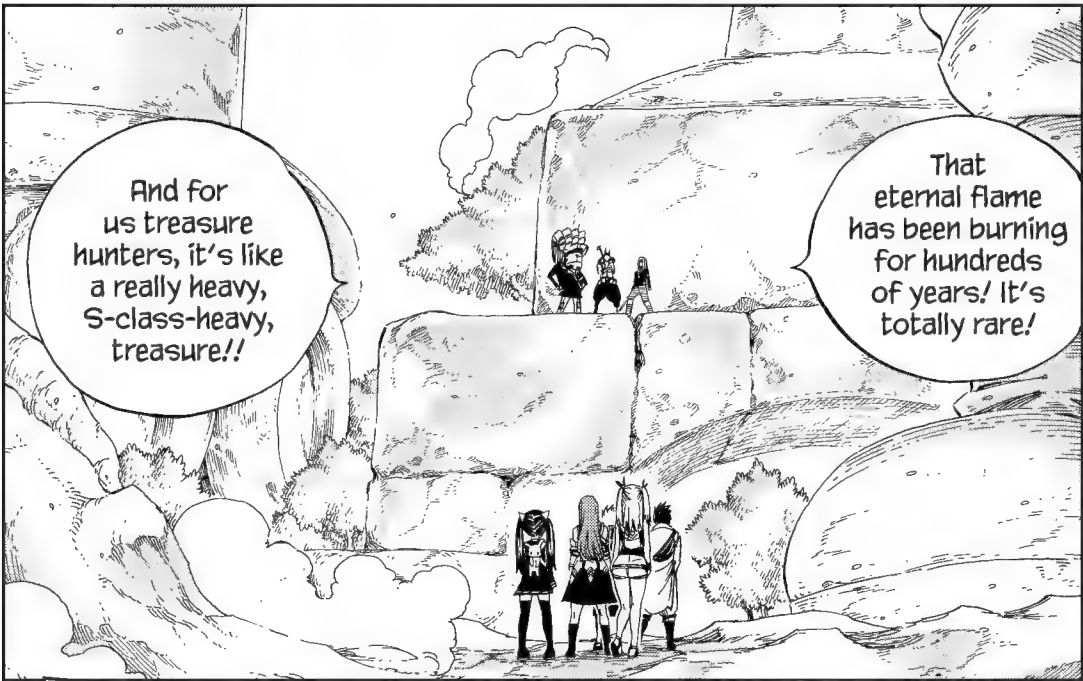
Going clockwise from the top...

- The festival of Obon, held in mid-August, often has fireworks.
- The round fan called an *uchiwa* is used to keep oneself cool.
- Some festival edible treats are fried squid on a stick, shaved ice, takoyaki (octopus balls), cotton candy, candied apples, and corn on the cob.
- The red painted *torii* archway is festooned with paper lanterns and a large banner with the *kanji* for *matsuri*, which means festival.
- Games at a festival include water-balloon yoyos, archery, target shooting, ring-toss, and goldfish catching.
- In the upper left hand corner are common decorations found at festivals.



## Page 169, Like, Heavy and Duun

Each of these three characters have certain speech patterns that identify them. To start with, the character codenamed Hammer Rala says, "Duun." He says that in Japanese too. The character codenamed Sniper Drake (the blonde) speaks like a standard but slightly dim high-school guy. The one codenamed Sword Hiroshi always uses the Japanese word *chô*, which means "very" in certain *kanji* compounds. I've replaced the word with "heavy," and used it in pretty much the same way he uses *chô*.



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LIKE  
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